

## Medical Items.

—Jabconski of Poitiers favors the isolation of tubercular patients, and proposes an ordinance excluding consumptive children from the public schools.

—The death of Dr. J. Milner Fothergill removes from English medical society a very prominent figure. He died recently of diabetes, from which he had suffered for many years. He will be best remembered for his interesting and voluminous writings chiefly on the subject of Dietetics.

—There are 16,930 practising physicians in England, a proportion of 1 to every 1642 inhabitants; and an increase in number of 21.7 per cent. since 1881. The largest number is found at Brighton, where there is 1 physician to 727 persons; next comes London with 1 to 939.

—Dr. F. Bramann, first assistant in the University Surgical Clinic, who performed tracheotomy on the late Emperor Frederick, has qualified for the position of *Privatdocent* in the University of Berlin by an inaugural dissertation on "Myotomy and Tenotomy To-day and in the Pre-antiseptic Period."

—The sanitary press is discussing the comparative advantage and disadvantage of having trees near a house. The general conclusion is that no tree should be planted nearer to a house than its own length when full grown. Trees not only moisten the air about them, but the earth also. Sunshine should have access to a house at all times.

—Dr. W. Wylie reports (*Brit. Med. Journal*) a unique case of *entire absence of both mammae*. The girl, unmarried, 21 years of age, had recently given birth to a healthy male child, and had made an excellent recovery. Her mother had long been aware of the fact that there were no breasts, but stated that she had always enjoyed good health, and had menstruated regularly from the age of 15 years. The nipples were also absent.