

have been brought forward. Since 1862 he has represented one of the Berlin constituencies in the Prussian House, and has been one of the keenest of liberal politicians. Of his political life Dr. Jacobi says: "Bismarck has not found a more persistent and conscientious adversary than Virchow through all his parliamentary career. In regard to the latter, I will predict that among the German politicians who resisted to the utmost, lawlessness of absolutism, and claimed that law should be supreme, the rights of citizens respected, the office-holders know and live up to their duties, the constitution he carefully guarded and protected, and peace not rendered as exhausting and expensive as war, Virchow's name will, for all time, be mentioned as the first and wisest and purest." Only a few weeks ago the papers announced his return at the recent election by an overwhelming majority.

Many there are who begrudge the time he spends in these outside matters, but it should rather be a matter of pride with every member of the profession that we have in our ranks a man pre-eminent as a physician, a *savant* and a politician.

May he long be spared to adorn his profession and serve his country and humanity!

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### Medical Items.

—Dr. Bibaud, Professor of Anatomy in Victoria College, died on the 18th October, after a very short illness. A few days previously he had a severe attack of cerebral hæmorrhage, with paralysis, under which he rapidly succumbed.

HÔPITAL NOTRE DAME.—We have received the first annual Report of this charity. The total number of admissions during the year has been 772; and the number of out-patients was 1,609. In the Eye and Ear department 269 patients have been treated.

THE HORNS OF A DILEMMA.—Cazeaux, in speaking of craniotomy, exclaims: "What physician is there, who, driven to elect between the life of his wife and that of the child in utero, would hesitate about that of the latter?" And Dr. Dagenais, *L'Union Médicale*, replies: "What physician is there, who, driven to