

Medical Items.

THE freedom of the city of Edinburgh will be conferred on Lord Lister on June 15th.

DR. GEORGE S. RENNIE, of Hamilton, who was seriously injured April 7th, through a runaway accident, has quite recovered.

DR. NORMAN GWYN, one of the resident physicians of Johns Hopkins Hospital, has obtained leave of absence for six months to study in Freiburg.

DRS. JOHN AMYOT AND WM. GOLDIE, of Toronto, left for Europe May 13. They expect to go first to London, and after remaining there for a time will cross to the Continent and spend some months in Paris and Vienna.

DR. T. B. FUTCHER, Associate in Medicine, Johns Hopkins Hospital, has gone to Strasburg for a period of six months' study. On his return, Oct. 1st, he will succeed Dr. Thayer as first assistant in the medical clinic of the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

CLINICAL RECORDS (20).—A hedge doctor (a quack) in Ireland was being examined at an inquest on his treatment of a patient who had died. "I gave him ipecacuanha," he said. "You might just as well have given him the aurora borealis," said the coroner. "Indade, yer honor, and that's just what I should have given him next, if he hadn't died."

A short time ago an old lady went on board Nelson's flagship, the Victory. The different objects of interest were duly shown to her, and, on reaching the spot where the great naval hero was wounded (which is marked by a raised brass plate), the officer remarked to her: "Here Nelson fell!" "And no wonder!" exclaimed the old lady; "I nearly fell there myself!"

A NEW SYSTEM OF SMOKELESS COAL FIRING.—A method of burning coal without the production of smoke was recently the subject of trial at the Grand Junction Waterworks pumping station at Hampton. The method aims at producing complete and instantaneous combustion by surrounding each particle of coal with an adequate supply of oxygen. For this purpose the coal is finely pulverized and carried into the furnace by means of the draught of the chimney. The ordinary arrange-