

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

—The medical department of the University of Maryland has decided to extend its course to three years. When contemplating such changes, it would have been wise to have made the course four in place of three years. Before many years a five years' course will be the rule with those medical schools on this continent who really aim at turning out good men.

—Richard von Volkmann, the distinguished German surgeon, is dead. He was among the first to recognize and put into practice the teachings of Lister in relation to the treatment of wounds. Among his favorite studies was the investigation of cancerous and tuberculous formations. Volkmann will be remembered by many in his fatherland by his poetical effusions, especially his "Reveries at French Firesides."

—Dr. Burgess, of the Hamilton Insane Asylum, has been appointed medical superintendent of the Protestant Hospital for the Insane in this city. Dr. Burgess is in every way highly qualified for the position, and the friends of the institution are to be congratulated on the choice made by the governors. Dr. Burgess has had an extensive experience in the treatment of the insane, having filled important positions in several of the leading asylums of Ontario.

—The *Journal of Comparative Medicine and Surgery* will appear in future monthly instead of quarterly, and under the name of *The Journal of Comparative Medicine and Veterinary Archives*. Dr. R. S. Huide-Koper has undertaken the active management of the editorial department. In the past this ably conducted journal has filled a very important place in medical literature, and we have no doubt that in the future the same high standard will be maintained.

—A recent correspondent in the *Lancet* deplors the prevalence of the "sweating system" in the profession in England. Hard work and any quantity of it, with little remuneration, is, unfortunately, not confined to the medical practitioners of Eng-