

Obituary.

—We regret having to report the death of Dr. Joseph Howe of New York, who died on board the steamship *Umbria* on Saturday, 7th June. The deceased was well known to many Canadians, being a native of New Brunswick, and was a graduate of the Medical Department of the University of the City of New York, of the class of 1866, and surgeon to Charity and St. Francis's Hospital. Dr. Howe was a surgeon of marked ability and a man of excellent qualities.

Personal.

—Drs. George Ross, James Stewart, T. G. Roddick, Wm. Gardner, Stirling and A. A. Browne have sailed for Europe to attend the Berlin Congress.

—Dr. A. Fisher Ritchie, a graduate of the class of 1876, who has been for some years practising in Duluth, Minnesota, is now in Montreal visiting his relations.

—Dr. F. N. Burrows has been appointed a member of the new Board of Medical Examiners for the State of North Dakota. Dr. Burrows is a graduate of McGill. The new law closely resembles that of Ontario.

Medical Items.

—The Provost of the University of Pennsylvania announced at the recent dinner of the medical alumni that the compulsory course for the medical degree in that University had been lengthened to four years.

—Cardinal Lavigerie is having negroes trained as medical practitioners at Malta, and several have already completed their education and proceeded to Central Africa.

—Dr. Laveran, of the Val-de-Grâce Hospital in Paris, has received a prize from the French Institute for his researches on the hæmatozoa of malaria.