

ceived the reward of being made an honorary associate of the Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, England. He entered upon his new duties at once. Dr. Bryce assumed his new duties at Ottawa on February 5th.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Presentation to Dr. Bryce.—An interesting session of the Provincial Board of Health was held on February 3rd, when Dr. Bryce, who left next day to accept the position of Dominion Health Inspector at Ottawa, was made the recipient of a handsome grandfather's clock. The presentation was made by Dr. Kitchen, of St. George, Chairman of the Board, who, in his remarks, laid stress upon the efficiency of the retiring secretary as an officer, and his kindly nature as a man. Dr. Bryce, in accepting the gift, expressed his gratitude in a feeling manner.

The Merging of Two Medical Journals.—Messrs. E. B. Treat & Co., the publishers of the *International Medical Magazine* and *Archives of Pediatrics*, have concluded to merge the two journals. During the five years that Dr. Boardman Reed had charge of the *International Medical Magazine* it was his constant aim to have the periodical of the highest character, readable and reliable. The publishers regret that they must discontinue the *Magazine*, and extend to Dr. Reed their appreciation of his editorial labors. It is hoped that the friends of the *International Medical Magazine* will continue their interest by reading *Archives of Pediatrics*, and thus extend its field of usefulness.

Play.—Dr. Woods Hutchinson, in the September *Contemporary Review*, makes a plea for "Play as an education," ingeniously representing that the infant, in its overmastering desire to put everything in its mouth, is really the modern representative of the ancient cave-dweller, and that, as it grows older, it passes rapidly through the later stages in the history of the race. In play, Dr. Hutchinson finds the factor which secures man his place in nature. He outlines a plan for school playgrounds, saying that every school should have a playground containing ten square yards for each pupil in attendance, and that they should have great freedom, and should be under the supervision of a play-mistress, who should act as a "moderator."

Medical Practices for Sale.—When a physician desires to sell his practice and property, it is of first importance that it should be done with as little publicity as possible; hence the purchase and sale of medical practices forms an important department of medical affairs, and one that nearly all physicians find necessary to