

practice, dispensing and compulsory attendance upon a certain number of cases of labor—the arrangements are much better. He comments upon the large amount of acute disease in the General Hospital, and is astonished at the liberality with which the citizens subscribe money for its support, but—and this naturally strikes a stranger in Montreal—he compares the enormous and expensive churches, the superb buildings, public and private, with the meagre and insufficient accommodation for the sick. The Board of Managers and the medical staff of the Western Hospital should look to the arrangements of the maternity department before another such keen-eyed visitor enters the institution.

By the death of Ernst Wagner Germany has lost one of her best known physicians and the University of Leipzig one of its most distinguished professors. With the exception of Traube, no teacher to whom I have listened impressed me so favorably. He possessed a profound and accurate knowledge of disease, acquired by long years of study in the wards and post-mortem room, and he had the gift of imparting knowledge in a clear and logical manner. He died of nephritis, at the comparatively early age of fifty-nine.

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Medical Items.

—Dr. Bayley Balfour, Professor of Botany in the University of Oxford, succeeds Prof. Dickson as Professor of Botany in the University of Edinburgh.

—A tablet erected by the Alumni Association of the Bellevue Hospital Medical College in memory of the late Prof. Austin Flint, was unveiled at the Carnegie Laboratory on the 10th ult.

—The Congress of American Physicians, Surgeons and Specialists will be held in Washington on September 18th, 19th and 20th. Discussion will take place on the following subjects:—
1. "Intestinal Obstruction in its Medical and Surgical Relations." 2. "Cerebral Localization in its Practical Relations."

—Professors Erb of Heidelberg and Liebermeister of Tübingen are mentioned as candidates for the directorship of the