

Medical Items.

—The American Medical Association will meet in Chicago on June 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th.

—Dr. Arlt, the famous ophthalmologist, died recently in Vienna after a lingering illness. He was for half a century one of the foremost of continental ophthalmic surgeons.

—Dr. D. Rutherford Haldane died at his residence in Edinburgh on April 12th. For many years Dr. Haldane was a prominent teacher of medicine in the Extra-mural School of Edinburgh.

—The Ontario Medical Association meets in Toronto on Wednesday and Thursday, the 8th and 9th of June, under the Presidency of Dr. Richardson of Toronto. Dr. Arnott of London will open a discussion on "Phosphaturia." Dr. Taylor of Goderich will read a paper on the "Functional Paralysis of Pregnancy." Dr. Lett, superintendent of the Homewood Retreat in Guelph, will deliver an address on "The Relations of Insanity to Masturbation."

—Professor: "Where do we find squamous epithelium?"
 Student: "The favorite situation is the squamous portion of the temporal bone."
 Professor: "Ah, indeed! then what does the professor of dermatology mean when he speaks of squamous skin disease?"
 Student: "Oh! yes, sir. I forgot. We find that variety of epithelium most common in certain affections of the skin."
 Professor: "Shades of Dalton!"

—The following exemplifies the advisability of using a special preparation in many cases requiring expensive drugs:—"Four ounces of a mixture of bromide of potassium and chloral, each an ounce, with tincture of hyoscyamus and fluid extract of cannabis indica, in appropriate doses, were ordered, with directions to take one teaspoonful every hour until sleep should be induced. An ugly, muddy mixture was received, which produced nausea and headache, but no sleep. A similar prescription, instead of the above extemporaneous officinal combination, was ordered, only 'Battle's Bromidia' was designated, which induced refreshing sleep after a few doses of from 20 to 30 drops had been taken."—*Dr. W. B. Hazard in Medical Brief for December.*