behooves every man who thinks of studying medicine to consider this fact. The time once was that if a man could not find something to do here, he could go out West, go to South Africa, or Australia, or East India; but all this is changed. The report comes from these countries that they are overstocked with medical men.

DR. ERNEST BRAND, who is so well known in connection withhydrotherapy in typhoid fever, died recently in Stettin, Germany, aged seventy years.

RETIRING ALLOWANCES.—We learn that, after five years' delay, the University authorities have made the first payment of twenty-five cents on the dollar to the claimants, Drs. W. W. Ogden, M. H. Aikins and J. Ferguson. Why these gentlemen should have ever been deprived of their allowances no honest man has ever been able to satisfactorily explain.

THE FIVE-YEAR TERM OF THE COUNCIL.—We understand there is an effort being put forth to induce the Medical Council to allow students now in their fourth year to pass their final this spring. This would be a waiving of the five-year rule, already established by the Council. A five-year course is none too long. There is no howling demand for a batch of young licentiates in medicine, and those now studying medicine came in under a well-known condition. It is quite clear that the Council should stand by its regulation and insist on the full five years. If the Council gives way now, it becomes harder in future to lay down any fixed rules.

## Book Aotices.

The Doctor's Window. Poems by the Doctor, for the Doctor, and about the Doctor. Edited by INA RUSSELLE WARREN.

We have just received a prospectus of this work. It gives the contents in part. Judging from these the work will be exceedingly interesting. The book will be printed on heavy linen paper and will be royal octavo in size. The type is to be large, open faced; the binding, library style, uncut and gilt top. About 250 pages. Price, \$2.50 in cloth and \$5.00 in full morocco. We would judge from the prospectus that very many would avail themselves of this opportunity of obtaining this collection of poems on the doctor. Orders should be sent to the publisher, Mr. Charles Wells Moulton, Buffalo, N.Y. A prospectus will be sent by the publisher to anyone requesting the same.