

Medical Items.

—Dr. Straus has been nominated by the Paris Faculty as successor of Prof. Vulpian in the chair of Experimental and Comparative Pathology.

—Prof. His of Leipzig has been offered the first chair in Anatomy in the University of Vienna, rendered vacant by the death of Prof. Länger.

—The first number of the *Brooklyn Medical Journal* has made its appearance. It is edited by a committee of the Medical Society of the County of King's. We wish this new venture every success.

—Sir Morell Mackenzie, speaking of the Crown Prince's case, says: "At this moment medical science does not permit me to affirm that any other disease is present than chronic interstitial inflammation of the larynx combined with perichondritis."

DARWIN ON HOMŒOPATHY.—In a letter to J. D. Hooker, written from Down, March 28th, 1849, Darwin gives expression to his opinion on this great system of therapeutics:—

"You speak about Homœopathy, which is a subject which makes me more wrath, even than does clairvoyance. Clairvoyance so transcends belief, that one's ordinary faculties are put out of the question, but in homœopathy common sense and common observation come into play, and both these must go to the dogs, if the infinitesimal doses have any effect whatever. How true is a remark I saw the other day by Quetelet in respect to evidence of curative processes, viz., that no one knows in disease what is the result of nothing being done, as a standard with which to compare homœopathy and all other such things. It is a sad flaw. I cannot but think in my beloved Dr. Gully that he believes in everything. When Miss — was very ill, he had a clairvoyant girl to report on internal changes, a mesmerist to put her to sleep, an homœopathist Dr. —, and himself as hydropathist, and the girl recovered."—*Life and Letters of Charles Darwin*, Vol. I, p. 374.