

## THE LATE PROFESSOR ERNST VON BERGMANN

*Born, December 16, 1836—Died, March 25, 1907*

In the death of Ernst Von Bergmann, Germany loses one of her greatest surgeons, and the world mourns with her in her loss, for such men do not belong to any small territory, but their influence is felt throughout the whole world.

Ernst Von Bergmann was born in Russia, on December 16, 1836. He studied medicine at the Universities of Dorpat, Vienna, and Berlin. He served as surgeon in the Prussian army during the campaign of 1866, and also in the Franco-Prussian war of 1870, during which time he directed the military hospitals at Mannheim and Carlsruhe. In July, 1871 he was appointed Professor of Surgery in the Dorpat University. He was later called to Würzburg University, and in 1882 was appointed Professor of Surgery in the Berlin University, as successor to the famous surgeon Von Langenbeck.

About two years ago serious intestinal symptoms developed which caused him to gradually give up his work. Although seventy years of age he was an untiring worker, and his greatest sorrow was having to resign his university work owing to ill health. He underwent an operation by Professor Schlange, a former pupil of his. A second operation was necessary, and he died March 25th, and Germany, and the world, lost a masterful and skillful surgeon.

He left to the medical profession "A System of the Practice of Surgery," which is considered one of the greatest surgical works of the age.