

inhalations of nitrite of amyl when she felt the pain coming on. He has also used it in the sickness of pregnancy, and in obstinate cases of dysmenorrhœa, without a single failure or bad result.

WOMAN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE, TORONTO.—Dr. McPhedran has been made Dean of this faculty; Dr. Peters takes physiology, and Dr. J. Caven, pathology.

APPOINTMENT.—Dr. E. B. O'Reilly has been appointed House Surgeon to the Winnipeg General Hospital.

BRITISH DIPLOMAS.—Mr. George Snider Paterson, of Toronto, has recently passed the examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, Surgery and Midwifery, of the Society of Apothecaries, London, and received a certificate to practise.

URTICARIA—Lassar gives 24 grain doses of salicylate of sodium every 2 hours until 3 doses have been taken, and says he thus cuts short the attack of this troublesome malady.

BUMSTEAD relates that Ricord used to say to his students: "Gentlemen, if I am to go to—well—the bad place, I know what my punishment will be. I shall have a lot of fellows with the gleet standing round me with their lamentations, their importunities, and their prayers to make them well." Bumstead adds: "This *mauvais mot* but faintly indicates the annoyance which a case of gleet often gives both to patient and surgeon."

HYOSCINE has become a prominent remedy for diseases of the nervous system, particularly acute mania. It is a hypnotic and powerful sedative. The dose should be very small at the commencement of the treatment in nervous disorders, as some persons are quite susceptible to its poisonous influences.  $\frac{1}{10}$  of a grain is a fair dose of hyoscine.

AN excellent local application (*Med. & Surg. Rep.*) for "swelled testicle" is a paste formed of equal parts of bismuth and water. It removes the pain at once, and gradually reduces the swelling.

DR. MENIERE gives an enema of warm water containing 30 grains of choral, for the violent pains which in some women precede the menstrual flow.

## Books and Pamphlets.

A TEXT-BOOK OF PATHOLOGICAL ANATOMY AND PATHOGENESIS. By Ernst Ziegler, of Tubingen. Translated by Donald Macalister, M.A., M.D., St. John's College, Cambridge. Three parts complete in one volume; 289 illustrations. New York: W. Wood & Co. \$5.50.

This may be said to be not only a new work, but also a modern one. A great part of the text is based upon observations made or verified by the author. Although somewhat dogmatic in style, it is upon the whole a most excellent treatise on this subject. Its value has also been greatly enhanced by the addition of references to the literature of the subjects discussed, and other addenda by the translator. The work is well illustrated, and will be found to be an admirable text-book for practitioners and students. We commend it to the favorable attention of our readers.

A COMPEND OF SURGERY FOR STUDENTS AND PHYSICIANS. By O. Horwitz, M.D., Dem. Anat., Jefferson Medical College. Third edition. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston, Son & Co.

A COMPEND OF OBSTETRICS FOR STUDENTS AND PHYSICIANS. By H. C. Landis, A.M., M.D., Prof. Obstet., Starling Medical College. Third edition. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston, Son & Co.

The above mentioned books are denominated "Quiz Compend," although the latter only is written in the style of question and answer. These works have received the most kindly criticism from the press, and the fact that they have passed through three editions within a short period, shows that there is a considerable demand for such compends. Some are utterly opposed to all compends, as tending to superficiality and cramming; and while this may be true to some extent, yet the fact remains, that much may be gleaned from small and convenient pocket companions, such as the compends before us. The work on surgery is very well illustrated for so small a work.

## Births, Marriages and Deaths.

In Ingersoll, on the 20th inst., Dr. J. J. Hoyt, aged 65 years.

On the 15th February, F. D. Walker, M.D., C.M., of Cardigan Bridge, P.E.I., aged 26 years.

On the 9th ult., Dr. Benham, of Princeton, Ont., aged 50 years.