

burgh edition has recently been issued, with an essay on the author by that quaint old philosopher, Sir Kenelm Digby.

Medical Items.

—Prof. Beclard, the distinguished physiologist, and Dean of the Medical Faculty in Paris, is dead.

—Professor Grawitz has been appointed Ordinary Professor of Pathological Anatomy in the University of Greifswald.

—Professor Billroth, the distinguished Vienna surgeon, has been raised to the Austrian peerage.

—Prof. Roddick has been forced by ill-health to resort to a southern climate. He has been spending some weeks in Florida. He is expected home early in March, to return, we hope, with fully restored vigor.

—Dr. William Gardner, Professor of Gynæcology in McGill University, has been appointed a vice-president of the British Gynæcological Society. We congratulate our distinguished townsman on this evidence of the appreciation in which he is held abroad.

—Carl Schröder, the distinguished gynæcologist of Berlin, died on the 7th ult. after a short illness. Death was due to an old encapsuled abscess the size of a walnut, situated in the right fornix, bursting into the ventricle and setting up a fibrinous suppurative inflammation. In our next number we will present our readers with a sketch of the life-work of this great man.

A NEW COMBINED SPECIALTY.—The following advertisement is clipped from one of our daily papers :

DR. — (M.D., University of Rome, Italy, degree confirmed after examination by the Faculty of Medicine of the Province of Quebec) has the honor of offering his professional services to the public. After long experience in different climates, a very happy result is guaranteed in all chronic diseases, especially in Dyspepsia, Asthma and Bronchitis, etc. Specialty—Diphtheria, Accouchment, and Sickesses of Women in general. Office, — street.

The association of *Diphtheria* and *Obstetrics* (!) as a combination-specialty certainly is original. The average medical mind will find it hard to believe that the operator is safe in “guaranteeing” a “very happy result”—except it be euthanasia!

—Scott & Bowne, manufacturing chemists of New York, make a specialty of producing an emulsion of cod liver oil with hypophosphites. Their great care in selecting the oil and in making the combination is amply proven by the high therapeutic value set upon the emulsion by the profession. It is no new remedy, but has been steadily growing in demand for a number