Medical Items.

—We hear that Dr. T. D. Reed has been invited to give a short course of lectures on Physiology and Hygiene to the members of the McGill Normal School, to commence in September.

—Dr. Fritsch, Professor of Gynæcology at Breslau, well known as the editor of the *Centralblatt für Gynäkologie*, has been nominated successor to Prof. Scanzoni of Wurtzburg.

A NEW TREATMENT OF NEURALGIA.—In facial and subcutaneous neuralgias, some surprising results appear to have been obtained in France from the combined action of the constant current and chloroform. Prof. Adamkievics some time since constructed a porous carbon electrode into which he is able to introduce chloroform; under the influence of the current, the chloroform of the electrode, which is connected with the positive pole of the battery, penetrates the tissues, a result which may be made sufficiently apparent by coloring the chloroform with gentian violet, and then passing the current through the ear of a rabbit. It produces a triple action—through the constant current and the burning, and finally anæsthesia. Prof. Adamkievics cites many observations where this method has proved remarkably successful, and confidently recommends it.—*Epitome.*

NEW AND IMPORTANT MEDICAL FACT.—The *Medical Review*, commenting on the scientific and profound researches by Prof. Seegen of Vienna, and his conclusion that the sugar formed by the liver is derived from albumen and fat, characterizes his conclusion as a new and important fact—one not in accord with the previously entertained chemical and physiological ideas. Prof. Seegen's conclusions, briefly summarized, show that the blood passing from the liver contains an infinitely greater quantity of sugar than that entering the organ; that the newly-formed sugar in the liver is wholly independent of saccharine food, as well as of the carbo-hydrates introduced with the food; that even the liver glycogen is unconcerned in the production of sugar in the liver, and that albumen and fat are the materials out of which