

—The *Philadelphia Medical Times* suggests that Dr. J. M. DaCosta would be a most worthy successor to the late Dr. Flint as president of the International Medical Congress.

—Professor Stevenson has been unanimously elected Dean of the Medical Faculty of the University of Aberdeen, vice Professor Brazier, resigned.

—The Cartwright Lectures, under the auspices of the Alumni Association of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, were delivered on the 23rd, 27th and 30th ult. by Dr. William Osler of Philadelphia. Dr. Osler's subject was "Certain Problems in the Physiology of the Blood."

—Two new lectureships have recently been endowed in the University of Edinburgh. One, on Comparative Embryology, is held by Mr. G. Brook; the other, on the Philosophy of Natural History, endowed by Lord Roseberry, has, according to *Nature*, been accepted by Mr. G. J. Romanes, F.R.S.

THE MODERN CHILD'S NURSE.—Lady (to applicant): What wages will you expect as nurse? Applicant: How old is the babby, Mum? Lady: Seven months. Applicant: Widout laudanum, Mum, \$2.50 a wake; wid laudanum, \$2.—*Harper's Bazar*.

THE EXACT NAME OF COCAINE.—Cocaine, ecgonine, and isotropine are derived from ethyl-tetra-hydro-pyridine, just as tropine is derived from methyl-tetra-hydro-pyridine. Isotropine is the methol-ethyl-tetra-hydro-pyridine; ecgonine is the carbonic acid of methol-ethyl-tetra-hydro-pyridine; and cocaine, a di-ether of the former, is *methylic benzo-methol-ethyl-tetra-hydro-pyridine carbonate*. The sooner modern chemistry learns to give to the world their discoveries in a common-sense way, the better for themselves and the science of chemistry.

A NEW FEATURE IN WEBSTER'S UNABRIDGED DICTIONARY.—The publishers of Webster have recently added to the Unabridged a "Pronouncing Gazetteer of the World, containing over 25,000 titles, briefly describing the countries, cities, towns, and natural features of every part of the Globe." It covers a hundred pages.