

**DEBUT OF A LADY PROFESSOR.**—Signorina Giuseppina Cattani recently read herself in as incumbent of the newly-founded chair of bacteriology in the University of Bologna. The subject of her lecture was "bacteriology in its relation to modern pathology." She was received with great applause. The learned lady is 31 years of age, and has been assistant in the Bologna Pathological Institute since 1884

R. RHODES REED, M.R.C.S., Norfolk, England, says: I have prescribed S. H. Kennedy's Extract *Pinus Canadensis* as an injection (one part to six), in an obstinate case of chronic gonorrhœa, with very satisfactory results. The discharge considerably diminished during the first week, and after a fortnight's use the patient reported himself quite well.

ANTIPYRINE in doses of from ten to fifteen grains at six o'clock in the evening and repeated at 8 or 9 o'clock, is said to have cured numerous cases of enuresis in children of from 4 to 6 years of age. The same remedy has been found very efficient as an antigalactic.

L. C. CARR, M.D., Prof. of Obstetrics in Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, Cincinnati, Ohio, says:—I have given Papine (Battle) a fair trial and am well pleased with its action, especially so in the case of an infant suffering with an attack of convulsions. Its action was speedy and safe.

**THE ONTARIO MEDICAL LIBRARY.**—We are pleased to note the solid progress this institution is making. The donations of books and periodicals are, for a Province like Ontario, large and valuable. Too much praise cannot be accorded to the officers, who by their zeal and painstaking are rendering the Library a credit to the profession of this country. The entire medical library of the late Dr. Krauss of this city has been transferred to the Ontario Medical Library Association.

**BRITISH DIPLOMAS.**—Drs. Geo. F. Rennie and W. A. Dixon (Trin. Med. Col.) have recently taken the M.R.C.S., Edin.

• EQUAL parts of lactic acid and glycerine are said to remove freckles.

## Books and Pamphlets.

**CHEMISTRY:** General, Medical, and Pharmaceutical, including the Chemistry of the U. S. Pharmacopœia; a Manual on the General Principles of the Science, and their applications in Medicine and Pharmacy. By John Allfield, F.R.S., etc. Twelfth edition. Philadelphia: Lea Brothers & Co., 1889. Toronto: Carveth & Co.

This has always been a popular work with the medical profession, for the reason that the author has noted at length—in proportion to its importance—every substance having an interest to the followers of medicine and pharmacy. The present edition contains such alterations and additions as are necessary for the demonstration of the latest developments of chemical principles and the latest applications of chemistry in pharmacy. The work now includes the whole of the chemistry of the United States Pharmacopœia and nearly all the chemistry of the British and Indian Pharmacopœias. In Organic Chemistry, that *bête noir* of every young student, the author has adopted the classification now generally in use, and the whole section is in such a form as will render the acquisition of a knowledge of the different subjects as easy as possible. The work is a complete, practical and very useful one, and as such we recommend it to our readers.

**A TREATISE ON THE SCIENCE AND PRACTICE OF MIDWIFERY.** By W. S. Playfair, M.D., LL.D., F.R.C.P. Professor of Obstetrics in King's College, etc. Fifth American, from the Seventh English edition; with notes and additions by Robert P. Harris, M.D.; with five plates and 207 illustrations. Philadelphia: Lea Brothers & Co. Toronto: Carveth & Co. 1889.

It is needless to say anything as to the merits of this well-known classic in Midwifery. The work has always been justly popular. In this new edition some portions have been re-written and several new illustrations added. But the most important feature is the adoption of the new nomenclature decided on by the International Medical Congress, held at Washington in 1887. This is a step in the right direction, as it will lead to something like uniformity in obstetric description. The work is heartily recommended to students and practitioners needing a handbook of clear and useful information on the subject.