

His Excellency the Governor General has appointed Dr. A. Von Iffland to be medical assistant at the Quarantine Station at Grosse Isle, and Dr. Philip Wells to be Secretary and Treasurer of the Marine and Emigrant Hospital at Quebec, in room of Napoleon Casault, resigned.

MEDICAL NEWS.

A Committee has been formed for the purpose of raising subscriptions wherewith to procure a portrait and erect a marble bust of the late Dr. Pereira, which are to be placed in the new College of the London Hospital, with which he was for some years intimately connected, both as a Lecturer and Attending Physician.—Dr. William Munk has been elected physician to the London Small Pox Hospital in the vacancy occasioned by the decease of Dr. Gregory.—Lord St. Leonards intended bringing three bills before the House of Lords to amend the Law of Lunacy. They related to the regulation of lunatics, proceedings under commissions, and to the care and treatment of lunatics; they have no reference to criminal lunatics, nor do they include Bethlehem Hospital.—The SUGDEN PRIZE of 20 guineas has been awarded by the College of Surgeons of Ireland, to Joseph Williams, Esq., M. D., for his essay on "Hypochondriacal Insanity."—The JACKSONIAN PRIZE has just been awarded by the Council of the College of Surgeons of England, to Mr. Henry Thompson, for the best essay on "The Pathology and treatment of stricture of the Urethra."—The latest Jamaica papers state that the Yellow Fever is raging there to a fearful extent; the average daily admittance to the Kingston Public Hospital alone being six or eight. The disease has begun to attack the Coolies, two of whom have died from it, a circumstance declared to be without precedent in the annals of medicine in the island.—591 Cholera patients were under treatment at St. Petersburg on Jan 29. On the same day there were 55 new cases—28 cures and 21 deaths.—Mrs. Emma Erbert, of 65 Oxford Street, London, gave birth last February to a female infant with two heads and two necks. One head came into the world nearly four hours before the other. The infant had full vitality two minutes before birth. The accoucheur, Dr. Richards, had to use instruments. The body, which was well proportioned, measured nineteen and a half inches in length, and 9½ from shoulder to shoulder across the back. The mother dreamed a fortnight previously, that she would give birth to such a monster.—Mr. Lewes concludes two letters to Charles Dickens on the subject of Spontaneous combustion, with the following deductions:—1stly. That the human body is not such as to render spontaneous combustion possible. 2ndly. That there are no known conditions of disease which can make it so. 3rdly. That there is no possibility of the presence of inflammable gases in the body (save occasionally in the colon)—and 4thly. That all theories advanced in its favor are in violation of fundamental laws.—The United Service Gazette says, Sir Wm. Burnett has not on his list two eligible candidates for assistant surgeoncies in the navy.—Dr. R. B. Todd has resigned the Professorship of Physiology in King's College, London, held by him during the past 17 years, owing to the increasing cares of a very large private practice, which demands almost all his time and attention. He will continue to hold his appointment to the Hospital connected with the school, and to give clinical instruction. Mr. Bowman, who had the Professorship for the last 3 or 4 years jointly with Dr. Todd, will be offered the vacant chair.—Andrew Smith, M.D., Superintendent of the Army Medical department, has been made Director General of the Army and Ordnance Medical Departments.—The Queen has conferred a Baronetcy on Dr. Holland, the well known author of "Medical notes and reflections" and one of the most eminent practising physicians in London.—M. Orfila, in a letter which he recently read before the Academy of Paris, stated that he assigned the sum of \$24,000 to different public establishments; 12,000 dollars to Government for the completion of the museum which bears his name, so as to endow France with a scientific college which will be unparalleled. Over the principal entrance to the museum is to be placed the following inscription: "To Students in Medicine. I founded this museum in 1810 for promoting Medical studies and solely to be useful to yourselves—ORFILA." He has also founded a small academy in favor of the keeper; instituted two prizes, one to be given by the academy of medicine (100 dollars), on subjects "which have fixed my attention through life." He has, moreover, given to the University School of Bourdeaux and Angers, 200 dollars to the former, and 410 dollars to the latter, which were organized upon a principle of his own. To the Benevolent Medical Association of the Department of the Seine, he gave 80 dollars a year "in proof of the high estimation in which I hold this Society, which I am proud of having founded in 1833." Various other acts of kindness and benevolence of smaller importance were likewise mentioned. M. Orfila has since died. He was a lecturer for 34 years, and acquired a world-spread reputation by his Toxicological researches, and investigations in Science generally.