

protection of the public life and health, and whenever these are menaced with danger by the invasion of pestilential and malignant disease, I cannot forego for our own College of Physicians the same appreciation and regard, on the part of our Provincial Government, particularly as in the Prime Minister we have the advantage of possessing one of the most liberal minded gentlemen in the Province, formerly a distinguished member of the medical profession, and who has in every instance, in his legislative capacity, never lost an opportunity of promoting its interests and elevating its character. Our college would then take rank among the scientific institutions of the older countries. Let us not, however, despair.—With great regard, your very faithful servt.,

A. VON IFFLAND.

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MEDICAL NEWS.

During 1855, there died in Brooklyn, N. Y., 3893 persons: 421 of phthisis, 177 of pneumonia, 154 of croup, 286 of cholera infantum, 239 of scarlet fever, 48 of measles, 9 of small pox, and 61 of typhus and typhoid fevers.—In Buffalo there is a Spiritual Church where the new gospel is rapped out piecemeal. It numbers most of the homœopaths as members, the only female ph. sician, and the residue is formed of similar heretics.—Mr. Owen has been appointed superintendent of the Natural History department of the British Museum, at a salary of £800, and Mr. Quekett, Professor of Histology, and Conservator of the Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons, London.—Hydrophobia has never been known to occur in Cyprus or Egypt. In Prussia, 1658 deaths have occurred from it alone in 10 years. Of the cases, the average length of sickness was 66 days; in two exceptions it was protracted to 365 and 360 days respectively.—Dr. Ramsay, editor of the late "Blister and Urtica," was lately arrested on the charge of fabricating testimony in support of false pension claims. He procured \$5000 bail, which was forfeited by his absconding immediately.—In the little town of Wick, England, there are 42 insane. Their imbecility is said to be caused by want of nourishing diet, and by frequent intermarriage among relations.—The entire collar bone has been lately removed by Dr. Blackman, U. S., in a case. The patient was able to attend to his business in 10 days.—An Irish doctor advertises that the deaf may hear of him at a house in Liffy Street, where also his blind patients may see him from 10 till 3.—It is proposed to appoint inspectors of milk in N. Y. city, to prevent the great adulteration which is practised there in this important article of diet.—A medicine has been lately advertised, of which some of the virtues are—"one bottle will cure a common pathology! one to three will cure *hæmorrhoides*! four bottles will cure the under humor! Six to eight bottles will cure consumption, even if the lungs are gone! Nine bottles will cure *aurora borealis*! And to cure a broken bone, wash the parts well with the medicine! Price \$1 per bottle; to the clergy, half price.—An eminent English physician states that among his female patients, the *doloureux*, loss of eyesight and pain in the ear are complaints which have become very frequent in his practice, since fashion required the dressing of the back of the neck instead of the head.—The Boston Medical and Surgical Journal says that physicians are more moral than clergy men, and that the fact may be easily sustained by criminal statistics.—The Thomsons are a-coming of it. In a late address, the speaker anticipated the day when "the banner of medical reform, which the immortal Thomson first unfurled, shall wave in triumph over the head of every opposition, and the proud and bigotted sons of the *gallos-pathos* and *similia similibus* systems of medication shall have crouched beneath it, as did the mighty English lion at the feet of the American eagle."—Ed. Thomas, a surgeon by profession, but for the past 20 years a pauper in Clerkenwell workhouse, and officiating therein as undertaker, was placed at the bar lately, on remand, charged with mutilating the body of a deceased pauper, by sawing off the head.—Mons. J. Sichel, the oculist at Paris, has been authorized to wear the decoration of commander of [Spanish] order of Isabel the Catholic.