

MEDICAL NEWS.

The election to the chair of chemistry, at Edinburgh, has resulted in favor of Dr. Lyon Playfair, by a large majority.—The number of licensed houses in England and Wales, for the care of lunatics, was, on the 1st January 1858, 113. In the licensed houses of the Metropolis, the total number of lunatics was 2,623.—The employées of the British Museum are Mr. Panizzi, who receives £1200 a year; Professor Owen, £800 a year; and Dr. J. E. Gray, £600, exclusively of other officers on smaller salaries.—Mr. Jas. Nolan lately died at Knockindrane, Ireland, at the advanced age of 116 years. His memory was strong and tenacious, and his narrative of the many events which occurred within his recollection, during a period of a century, was clear, precise, and accurate.—Dr. Wynne, of New York, has been honored with the gold medal of the British Government, for his report on the cholera, a few years since.—Dr. Ed. Delafield has been appointed President of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, in place of Dr. Thomas Cock, resigned; and Dr. Edward L. Beadle succeeds Dr. D. as Vice-President.—Dr. E. Brown Sequard has found a spot in the brain, not larger than the head of a pin, which, if touched, is sudden death, as instant as lightning.—Dr. Andrew Smith has received the distinction of Sir Andrew, with a K.C.B, on his resignation of the office of Director-General of the Army Medical Department, in which office he is succeeded by Dr. Alexander, who, after his return from the Crimea, served a short time here.—Some bullets have been brought back from the Crimea perforated by an insect, the *urocerus juvencus*. The animal was conveyed to the Crimea in the wood of which the boxes containing the cartridges were made.—James W. Cusack, Esq., M.D., President of the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland, and University Professor of Surgery, has been appointed Surgeon in ordinary to the Queen, in Ireland, in the room of the late Sir P. Crampton. This is an appointment which must give general satisfaction.—Twelve homœopaths practising in Paris have brought an action against the *L'Union Médicale*, for an article written by Dr. Gallard, and which puts the delusion in its proper light. The damages are laid at £2000.—Mr. Jos. Jones, of Bolton-le-Moors, states that he has discovered the perfect metal sulphurium, which is of the same class as arsenicum, silver, &c. Oxide of sulphurium is the refuse of the manufacture of sulphuric acid from brimstone, and has no commercial value, persons being paid for carting it away.—Dr. Tice has recommended the re-vaccination of the whole army. The camp followers are the chief victims, and the chief promulgators of the disease, because their religious scruples do not permit them to be protected by vaccination.—Mr. Morley, who died lately in London, an hotel keeper, at Charing Cross, formerly a medical student, and who retained during his life strong sympathies with the Profession, has bequeathed nearly the whole of his property to Medical Charities. He was, for some years, a Governor of St. George's Hospital, where he was in youth a student, and has left that institution the munificent sum of £100,000 for the purpose of founding a *Branch Convalescent Hospital* within seven miles of Hyde-park Corner. His other bequests are £1000 to Liston's widow; £5000 to the Surgical Department of University College; £5000, the interest of which is to support three Fellowships at University College, each to be held for three years; £1000 to St. Mary's Hospital; £1000 to the Lock; and £500 to Mr. Braime, his medical attendant. There are various legacies, among which are £80 annually to six widows of St. James, not recipients of parochial relief.