

of the temporal bone of left side, the *arteria meninge media* was ruptured, at the part which corresponded to the opening, the brain was broken up, the cavity being filled with clotted blood, but not extending into the lateral ventricle. The same thinness which the piece presented was observable over the entire skull, it being scarcely $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch thick in any part,

MEDICAL NEWS.

The Lord Mayor and Corporation of Dublin have caused a new petition to be framed, to be presented to Parliament, praying, that the grants to the Dublin hospitals may be restored to their original amounts and placed upon a permanent footing.—A Bill for the more effectual carrying out of a proper system of medical registration in Ireland will be shortly introduced by the Right Honorable the Chief Secretary for Ireland.—M. Paul Dubois, the senior member of the Faculty of Medicine has the appointment of accoucheur to the Empress of France. His father, M. Antoine Dubois, attended Marie Louise on the occasion of the birth of the King of Rome.—The Prefect of Police at Paris has issued an order prohibiting the use of any coloring for sweetmeats excepting prussian blue, chalk and ochre. He likewise cautions the public against the use of copper vessels, and threatens the adulteration of milk with marked punishment.—The Fothergillian gold medal for the best Essay on wounds and other injuries to the abdomen has been awarded to Alfred Poland, Esq., Assistant Surgeon to Guy's Hospital.—All persons found drunk in the streets of Clonmel, are sent to gaol, and there subjected to the operation of the stomach pump for which the apothecary is paid 7s. 6d. in each case.—The Physicians of Singapore, recommend the coffee leaf as a substitute for the berry.—A Surgeon writing from the gold fields, says he has discarded the lancet and is now opening veins with a pickaxe.—Death from chloroform lately happened in the University College Hospital, London,—where, during four years, only one fatal case occurred in 1600 instances of its employment; it had been used previous to the application of nitric acid to a sloughing ulcer of the labia and vagina. The jury returned a verdict, "that the death was caused by paralysis of the heart, produced by the influence of chloroform, casually, accidentally and by misfortune."—A commission *de lunatico inquirendo* has pronounced Mr. Feargus O'Connor of unsound mind.—In London, during one week the births of 292 boys and 224 girls, in all 1816 children were registered. In the eight corresponding weeks of the years 1845-52 the average number was 1479.—Miss Hardwick, the daughter of a deceased Surgeon who for many years lived an eccentric life, secluded from the world, lately died and left £18,000 to be divided among the different medical charities of London.—A committee with Professor Graham at its head, composed of most of the scientific celebrities of the day has been organized to present an honorary testimonial to Professor Liebig, on the occasion of his retirement from the University of Giessen, and his appointment at Munich.—The Horse Guards has lately increased the allowance of 4s. for each "line recruit", approved at head quarters.—Professor Syme has received a verdict in his favor in the action brought against him by Dr. F. G. W. Muller, for the publication of an alleged libel. The plaintiff by some extraordinary perversion of judgment had taken to himself some very severe remarks which had been directed by defendant against Mr. Lizars.—It is proposed in the *Gaz de Paris*, to inoculate with pus from a venereal sore for the cure of inveterate venereal disease on the isopallidic principle or, at worse, to substitute a milder for a more severe form of syphilis with the belief that the one would supersede the other!

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Dr Codd, Osgoode—Much obliged for his attention: hope he will be a frequent contributor to our pages. *Dr. Bethune, Berthier*—We shall endeavor to prevent the recurrence of a like mistake. *Dr. Macdonald, Alexandria*, has our thanks for his kind expressions and friendly intentions. *Dr Paquin, St. Genevieve*—The suggestion will be duly considered. *Dr Anderson, North Georgetown*—The first number was sent out mis-directed "Georgetown."

BOOKS RECEIVED FOR REVIEW.

Taylor's Medical Jurisprudence, Blanchard & Lea, 1853. Simpson on Homœopathy; Paris Medicale; Warren's Cases of Occlusion of Vagina; and Report of Marine Hospital, Quebec.

Communications for the next number from Drs. McCulloch, Crawford Peltier, and Hingston of Montreal, and Dr. Verrity of Hemmingford.