

## MEDICAL NEWS.

Dr. David Uhl, of New York, whose conduct in the Cunningham-Purdell affair we felt it our duty to animadvert upon, died at Bolivar, Venezuela, on Friday, September 17. The odium which he brought on himself by his unfortunate conduct in that affair determined his removal from New York. *Requiescat in pace.*—The number of deaths from yellow fever in Charleston, S. C., in the month of September as reported in the Charleston "Medical Journal" was 399 whites and 18 blacks. In New Orleans, during the same period, as stated in the Medical and Surgical Journal of that city, the total number of deaths by the disease was 1825.—In the United States the consumption of coffee is eight times as great as in Great Britain, and probably the consumption of beer in Great Britain is eight times as great as in the United States.—No less than twelve crosses of the Legion of Honor were lately given to medical men, both in civil and military practice. Amongst the higher grades of the order we notice Messrs. Audral and Trousseau. These eminent physicians have attained the rank of "commander," which is the highest but one in the Legion of Honour.—Professor Chomel has left to the Medical Benevolent Society of the Department of the Seine three per cent. stock, bearing an interest of £8 a year. . . . . What Jenner said on reading, in Elysium, that complaints had been made of his having a statue in Trafalgar Square:—

"England, ingratitude still blots  
The 'scutcheon of the brave and free—  
I saved you many a million spots,  
And now you grudge one spot to me."—*Punch.*

—A new medical warrant for the army has been issued, giving the medical officers the same right, privilege and position, according to their rank, as other officers.—The Board of Trinity College have elected Benjamin George McDowell, M.D., T.C.D., to the post of Professor of Anatomy and Physiology to the University, rendered vacant by the death of the late Dr. Harrison. Dr. McDowell has long been known in Dublin as Lecturer on Anatomy and Physiology to the Richmond Medical School, and as Physician to the Whitworth and Hardwicke Hospitals.—A Negro, superbly dressed, magnificent and audacious, has succeeded in bewildering the Parisian *dames* with his panegyrics of his nostrums, which were vouched to cure all the maladies which flesh is heir to. After a brief triumph, and creating a grand sensation in the *salons*, he has suddenly and mysteriously dilted, leaving a large number of imbeciles and gulls to bewail his loss.—It is said there has been a fearful outbreak of cholera in the valley of Cashmere, and that *one hundred thousand* persons have fallen victims. It is reported also to be spreading.—The Medical Faculty of Marseilles have recently decided that desecration of a young woman is quite possible under mesmerism. Such a case having been tried before the tribunal, the medical electrician was sentenced to penal servitude for life, as guilty of rape!—The Emperor of Russia seems resolved to put down quackery in his dominions. The circumstance, perhaps, of his father dying under the treatment of a homœopath in a manner that excited extreme dissatisfaction, has set his mind against charlatanism in every shape. Homœopathy and Morrison's pills have been alike exiled from the dominions of the great Czar. An order has just been issued to prohibit the importation of certain quack compositions, such as collodium, cantharida'c, hydrargrum-zooticum, Morrison's pills, oleum Hartadane, hydrargyrum sulphuratum stibiatum, Leroy's medicines, etc., etc.—By the report of the Commissioners, it appears that the number of patients in the various Lunatic Asylums of Ireland amounted upon the 1st of January 1857, to upwards of 3,286. Despite emigration, etc: the lunacy returns show an annual increase.—Dr. Boyd, health-officer of the City of Brooklyn, reports 22 cases of yellow fever as having occurred in that city during the past summer.