

MEDICAL NEWS.

Dr. J. M. Neligan, the editor of the Dublin Quarterly Review of Medical Science, has conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Medicine of Trinity College, Dublin.—During June, 9,699 lbs. of opium were imported into England, and during the five previous months, 63,354 lbs.—The authorities of Madrid have prohibited the drawing of teeth in the public streets, because it is derogatory to the dignity of the dentist's profession, and on account of its "staining the streets with blood."—The Astley Cooper prize of £300 for the best essay on the "structure and functions of the human spleen," has been awarded by the physicians and surgeons of Guy's Hospital, to Henry Gray, Esq., F.R.S.—The "Aztecs," who were in this city a few years ago, are now exhibited to the public in London, and excite, by their peculiar appearance, considerable interest. The closest investigation leads those, best qualified to judge, to the conclusion, that the story as to the origin of these little creatures is mythological, and that they are merely *cretins* of a mixed Spanish and Indian breed.—Owing to the great heat and the absence of rain, 1100 persons were carried off at Calcutta in the course of two days.—Recent letters, says Medical Times and Gazette, of July 23, from the squadron in China state that 50,000 lbs. of rotten meat had been thrown overboard.—The alumni of the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania are to be called on to contribute each \$1, on or before 25th of December, next to defray the expense of erecting a suitable monument to the memories of Drs. Horner and Chapman, in the University yard in Philadelphia.—A case is mentioned as having occurred at the Crichton Insane Asylum, in which artificial feeding had been practiced twice a day for three years and two months; and the patient was likely to require a much longer continuance of the same management.—Dr. Toibert de Lamballe, a distinguished physician of Paris, announces that a shock of electricity given to a patient dying from the effects of chloroform immediately counteracts its influence, and returns the sufferer to life.—David Wilson, who recently died above 100 years of age, was the father of 47 children by 5 wives.—A Mr. Boatright, of Philadelphia, has just been married a tenth time.—It is estimated that probably one man in every four throughout the human race is more or less a smoker of tobacco.—Edward Gimmons, of Ridgeville, Ohio, died of hydrophobia in 48 hours after the development of the disease—he was bitten by a dog last March.—Small pox is raging at the Sandwich Islands in a more terrific manner than ever was before known.—Nine brothers by the name of Tomlinson, of Clermont County, Ohio, have committed suicide. The last of them was the Rev. Dr. Tomlinson.—A writer in the Picayune traces the yellow fever that now desolates New Orleans, to the men who discharged the cargo of the Ship Adelaide, from Rio Janeiro. He says three successive gangs employed upon that job sickened. He contends that every epidemic of that sort can be traced to importation.—Dr. Pees of Wiesbaden confirms the statement made by several German practitioners of the rapidly curative agency of the carbonate of magnesia in warts.—Dr. Massie of Texas, is engaged in writing a systematic treatise on the theory and practice of medicine, embodying the history and peculiar characters of southern epidemic and endemic diseases, and also their pathology and therapeutics.—At a recent meeting of the Medical Society of Georgia, a resolution was adopted unanimously, to the effect that in the opinion of the society, Dr. C. W. Long, of Athens, Georgia, was the first person who used ether as an anæsthetic agent in surgical operations.—M. Bouriceau announces to the Institute of France, that he has succeeded in inducing leeches to reproduce at the end of their second year, instead of at the usual age of 8 or 10 years.—Dr. Thomas Harris, Chief of the Naval Bureau of Medicine and Surgery has been discharged.—The American Scientific Association met at Cleveland, Ohio, on the 28th of July. Professor Pierce, the Astronomer, succeeded Agassiz, the late president, 200 new members have been admitted.—Dr. Wm. Turner, lately presented a petition to the Legislature of New York, praying that physicians may be restrained from drawing blood. The body, by some unaccountable negligence, omitted to pass a law to that effect.—The Sandwich Islands are becoming depopulated. In a given time the number of deaths was to that of births as six to one.—The post mortem examination of a young lady in Paris, disclosed the fact that three of her ribs had encroached upon the liver to such an extent as to produce death, and she perished of tight lacing.—The deaths in London average about 1000 every week.—A Dr. Brown of New York weighs 408 lbs.—The interments at New Orleans from yellow fever have averaged 225 to 250 daily.—On sawing open a locust log, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., thought to be one hundred years old, a live toad was found in the centre that weighed seven pounds and a half.—A petition recommending Dr. Bennet Dowler for a Foreign Consulship, was signed by all the members of the City Council, New Orleans, in their session a short time since.