

MEDICAL NEWS.

There is growing discontent among the Medical officers of the army. Neither seniority nor merit seems a guide. The Assistant Surgeons have held meetings, and intend to appeal to Lord Panmure.—Professor Alison of the University of Edinburgh has asked the Town Council to relieve him of his chair, owing to the state of his health. He will remain *Emeritus* Professor after his successor is appointed.—M. Valliex, the distinguished physician to La Pitié, at Paris, died on the 13th of July, aged 48 years.—Dr. M. Stillé of Philadelphia, who had just completed a work on medical jurisprudence died on 20th August, aged 33.—Dr. H. D. Buckley for 4 years past one of the editors of the *New York Medical Times*, has retired from the tripod.—The medical officers of the Turkish contingent thus complain—"We get our bare pay and no allowances. From the time of our arrival we have been under canvass; we have had to procure our fixed appointments at an enormous cost, to purchase horses, &c., at a ruinous rate; our servants alone cost £8 or £10 a-month, &c."—The sick and wounded in the Crimea have benefited much by the efforts made by M. Doyer for improving the cooking establishments. He has gained the good will of all parties.—Dr. O'Neal of Baltimore has recently obtained a verdict against a Mr. Jeffries to the amount of \$10,000, for a libel against his professional character. He had attended J., for fracture of both legs. After recovery, J. charged the Doctor with ignorance in not discovering, that the limbs were not fractured, and for dishonestly pretending that they were.—A writer in the *Lancet* proposes to fill the shaft of a stethoscope with water secured by plugs of cork, as a means of increasing the capacity of the instrument for the transmission of sound.—The union of the bones and epiphysis occurs in man at the age of 20; in the camel at 8; in the horse at 5; in ox at 4; in the lion at 4; in the dog at 2; in the cat at 1½; in the rabbit at 1 year, and in the guinea pig at 7 months.—The study of the *amount of life* has involved these three laws—1. That since life has operated upon the globe, the number of species has tended to diminish. 2. That in proportion as certain species disappear, the number of individuals in the others increases. 3. The more the influence of man makes itself felt, the more the superior species overpower the inferior species.—Dr. Stewart of the Calcutta Leper Asylum, is said to have been wonderfully successful in treating the very worst forms of leprosy, with a native suet called chaowl megre.—*A Cause of Health.*—A New York physician says, that the city is at present unusually healthy, "the dearthness of all kinds of provisions having operated to check over feeding."—*Medical Practitioners in Germany.* In Bavaria there is 1 to every 3340 inhabitants; in Wintemburg 1 to 3948; in Nassau 1 to 3579; in Brunswick 1 to 1474; in Prussia 1 to 2728; in Baden 1 to 2522.—Dr. Jamieson, whose work on cholera we noticed in our last number, died recently at the advanced age of 66.—The Emperor of the French has conferred the cross of officer of the legion of honour on M. St. Claire Deville, and that of simple member on M. Vohler, for their discovery of the new metal, aluminium.—21 physicians have died of yellow fever in Norfolk and Portsmouth, Va., up to 1st October, and 4 died elsewhere after taking the fever in the infected districts.—It is said the salary for the medical attendant to the Board of Health, London, will be £1000 a year, and the candidates are, Mr. J. Simon and Dr. Sutherland, invited home from the Crimea.—The Government are in great anxiety to get foreign surgeons for the Crimea for the Foreign Legion, and have appointed nearly all the Italians and Germans in practice in and near London.—Baron Liebig, the Chemist, who has been acting as a Commissioner at the Exposition in Paris, is now on a visit to Her Majesty and Prince Albert in England.—The Sultan lately conferred his order of *Medjedic* on several French surgeons, but refused to extend the honor to the medical officers of the English Hospital.—Dr. Radcliffe once jocularly pledged Dr. Case with—"Here, Brother Case, I drink to all the fools your patients." "Thank you," replied C., "let me have all the fools, and you may take the rest." The same Dr. C. had on his door this memorable sign, "Within this place—lives Dr. Case."—Nitric ether added to oils removes any rancidity they may possess, and prevents them becoming rancid.

University Polka.—This is the name of a new Polka, composed by Mr Patrick O'Leary, a medical student of McGill University. Competent judges have pronounced that it displays considerable musical talent, and is a creditable piece of composition. It is for sale at Herbert's.