

MEDICAL NEWS.

Sir Walter Trevelyan, Bart., has placed one hundred pounds at the disposal of the Council of the Society of Arts, to be awarded as a prize for an essay on Marine Algae, as applicable for food, medicine, and industrial purposes. . . . John Mackesey, Esq., M.D., has been elected Mayor of Waterford for 1859. . . . M. Bérard, Professor of Physiology at the Faculty of Medicine, Paris, has just died, after an illness which had prevented him from lecturing for the last three years. . . . The Emperor of Austria has just granted a large extent of crown lands for the erection of a new hospital which is to contain at least 1000 beds. The patients are to be admitted without any reference to nationality or religion, and the hospital is formed in honour of the birth of the Crown Prince, the Emperor's eldest son. . . . A Yankee physician named Bates, from Ashfield, Massachusetts, has established himself successfully in practice at Kakocurdi, Japan. . . . Dr. Thos. K. Chambers has been appointed Physician to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, whom he will accompany to Rome. . . . Somnambulists frequently perform the most dangerous feats with an instinctive care which preserves them from injury. The *St. Paul (Minnesota) Times* relates the case of Mr. Brownson, son of the Editor of "Brownson's Review," who leaped from his window, a height of eighty or ninety feet, and was found dead, much mutilated by his fall. . . . The official return of the overseer of the poor in Taunton, Mass., mentions that Elizabeth Drayton was eleven years old on the 14th May, 1858, and that three months and twenty-four days before that she became the mother of Horace White Drayton. . . . The total mortality in Philadelphia during the past year was 10,694, being 1 in 56 of the population. . . . MM. Andre and Rayer have recently resigned their posts as Physicians to La Charité, which they have long held with distinguished honour. . . . The number of medical inscriptions made at the Faculty of Medicine, Paris, between the 2nd and 15th November, was 1065. The number of new entries is 251. In 1857 the total number of inscriptions was 1027, and of new entries 158. . . . Active measures are being taken to pull down and rebuild the Hotel Dieu of Paris. That portion of it which is situated on the left bank of the river is coming down first; the building on the right bank will follow, and it is probable that the new Hospital will be erected on the Montebello Quay. . . . A monument is to be erected at St. Petersburg to Sir James Wylie, physician to the late Emperor. The site chosen is the open space in front of the Medical Academy, of which this distinguished physician was formerly president. . . . Dr. Thomas Watson has been appointed Physician Extraordinary to Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, in place of the lamented Dr. Richard Bright. Dr. Watson is well known to the profession for his high character and distinguished attainments, and as the author of the "Principles and Practice of Medicine." . . . The Portuguese papers state that the Marshal Duke of Saldanha, who, when in command of troops during the civil wars, was always remarkable for his attention to all the details relating to the medical department, has just published a work entitled, "State of Medical Science in 1858."