

MEDICAL NEWS.

Up to October, over 8,000 had fallen victims to yellow fever in New Orleans. At one period the rate of mortality was estimated at about one death weekly out of every 37.—The medical men of New Orleans offered to attend gratuitously all patients under the charge of the "Howard Association."—*Cure for Rheumatism* at Cape Island, New Jersey. Put the patient into a deep hole, cover him up to the neck in sand, and after letting him remain thus for half an hour, dig him out and douse him in the water. If he does not recover after all this, bury him head and all next time.—Prof. Langenbeck lately recovered from severe erysipelas of the hand, arm, &c., caused by contact of some fluid removed in tapping the abdomen of a lady.—Castor oil with soda forms a solid white soap which, in the form of pills, is a certain and agreeable purgative.—M. Duchambre and M. Alvarez Regnoso conclude from their experiments that sugar is habitually present in the urine of old persons.—Bransby B. Cooper died on the 11th August, a small vessel gave way in the posterior lingual region whilst he was in the Athenæum Club, and he was almost instantly suffocated.—Camphor is said to be an antidote to strychnia.—A young gentleman recently died of excessive fatness in Georgia, who weighed 643 pounds.—Dr. Isaac Woolworth of Westfield, has sued that town for \$3,000 damages, for injuries received by him in consequence of an alleged defect in the road, last February.—Of 74 scarlatinal patients treated by Dr. Walz with frictions of fat, there was no disquamation in 69 and secondary dropsy only in six which was easily cured in 1 by diaphoretics, and in the others by sulphur.—In the *North Western Med. & Surgl. Journal*, is an interesting case of self-castration with the thumb nail performed by a man who was 20 years of age—a lunatic and a spirit rapper. He hung his testicles on the door of his cell, and expects another pair to grow.—An American writer says "Dr. Miller is in Edinburgh what Dr. Fergusson is in London—and more."—On the 8th August last, her Majesty was graciously pleased to confer the order of knighthood upon Dr. John Forbes, and Dr. James L. Bardsley of Manchester.—In Philadelphia, during July, 8.63 inches of rain fell, which is more than fell previously in a single month since July 1844, when 8.87 inches fell.—The Medico Chirurgical Academy of Temara will award a prize of 100 Roman crowns in 1855 for the best memoir on the "Mild Affections of the Liver," it must be written in Italian, French, or Latin.—The Medico Chirurgical Society of Bologna, offers a prize of similar value for the best essay on the diseases to which electricity is most applicable.—The Medical Society of Marseilles offers 300 francs for the best essay on the following questions:—1st. Premature delivery. 2nd. At what period should it be induced. 3rd. Shortest mode.—Mrs. Thomas Sheely, wife of Jacob Sheely, aged 90, residing at Neversink, it is said became the mother of a living child on the first week of August, and it is doing well.—Dr. Owen Rees has been appointed to the professorship of materia medica in University of London, vacant by the death of Dr. Pereira.—There are about 13,000 members of the medical profession in the British Islands, 5478 at London, 7670 in the shires, and 2852 in Ireland and Scotland.—Practitioners of London who were practicing before 1815 without diplomas 52, holding the diploma of Apothecaries' Hall or R.C.S., 1698; L.R.C.P., 53; M.B., 56; M.D., 619—of the graduates 510 are British and 109 Foreign.—Mr. Osborne, an English officer, has written a book on his return from the court of Runjeetsing in India, in which he gives a very remarkable traveller's account of a man restored to life after burial for 10 months: during the whole time he is described as having subsisted without any kind of sustenance, with the external apertures except the mouth closed with wax, enclosed in a linen bag, placed in a wooden box locked with padlock and seal, and his tongue turned back so as to occlude his throat.—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.—Dr. E. H. Parker, editor of the New Hampshire Journal of Medicine, has been appointed Prof. of Physiology and Pathology in the New York Medical College.—The Editors of the Southern Medical and Surgical Journal says, "we have tried strewing the floor with cucumber peelings and found it better than anything we ever used for getting rid of those filthy insects"—cockroaches.—A committee of 4 or 5 physicians are completing the second part of the second volume of Dr. Periera's *Materia Medica*, which Dr. Billing says is a perfect encyclopaedia. The greater part was already finished and in the press.—Prof. S. H. Dickson has lately had the degree of L. L. D., conferred on him by the University of the city of N. Y. to which mark of distinction his profound erudition and varied merits justly entitle him.—Dr. Aran asserts that 150 drops of chloroform may be safely administered in cases of colic, particularly in bad colic, in the 24 hours, with decided advantage.