

## MEDICAL NEWS.

Professor Chelius, the distinguished Professor of Surgery in the University of Heidelberg, has recently visited Paris, and been entertained at a splendid banquet given to him by the Surgical Society of Paris, presided over by Professor Denonvilliers.—On the 10th March the distinguished anatomist, Professor Terdemann, completed his half century as a Professor. It is proposed to celebrate the event by distributing to his admirers, friends, and numerous pupils, bronze and silver medals at a moderate cost (10s. and 20s.) bearing his likeness. These may be obtained by subscription addressed to "Die Senckenberg naturforschende Gesellschaft zw Frankfurt, a. m."—At the last meeting of the Royal College of Surgeons, of England, Mr. John Lizars, of Edinburgh, was appointed student in human and comparative anatomy, in the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. J. H. Sylvester, who proceeds to India.—A large meeting of the past and present medical students of King's College was held on the 16th December, for the purpose of presenting a valuable silver tea kettle and a silver salver to Dr. Todd, as a mark of the great respect and esteem entertained for him by all who had ever had the pleasure of being his pupils.—The chair of Medical Chemistry, left vacant by the death of M. Orfila, has been suppressed by imperial decree, and a chair of Pharmacy substituted for it. Dr. Soubeiran, Professor at the Superior School of Pharmacy of Paris, has been appointed to the new chair.—Dr. Fischer de Waldheim, of Moscow, (Russia,) one of the most distinguished naturalists of Europe, died recently in that city, at the advanced age of 82 years. He was born near Leipzig, and in 1797 went to Vienna with Humboldt to practice medicine, but gave himself up entirely to the study of natural history, and especially to fishes. He was, at the time of his death, a member of more than eighty learned societies, and Knight of the principal Russian orders.—At the Sheffield sessions, an indictment was preferred against the proprietor of an anatomical museum, for a misdemeanor in committing a public nuisance by indecently exposing to public view "certain filthy, obscene, and indecent figures, calculated to offend public decency and demoralize society." The grand jury returned a true bill.—M. Etie de Beaumont has been elected Secretary to the Academy of Sciences, Paris, in place of the late M. Arago.—There were 83 suicides in the City of New York the last year.—The infamous Madame Restell, of New York, a professed abortionist, who was lately arrested on a charge preferred against her by a young woman for having, at the instigation of her seducer, procured three abortions on her person, has again escaped well merited punishment. The girl at the time of the trial was non est. The almighty dollar had silenced her.—The brain of the late Senator Atherton, of New Hampshire, weighed 56½ ounces averdupois, which is 7½ ounces less than the weight of Mr. Webster's, a little more than that of Spurzheim, and 7 ounces more than that of Dupuytren. Cuvier's brain weighed 64½ ounces, and Abercrombie's 63 ounces.—Dr. Last never trifled with disease. His directions were: "Bleed the north ward and blister the south ward to-day; and blister the north and bleed the south ward to-morrow."—The Petersburg Express chronicles the death of a negro woman at the advanced age of 128. She died of no particular disease, but sank under the exhaustion incident to old age.—It is stated that the hippopotamus who swallowed a lady's lap dog lately, at the public gardens, did so under the impression that he was taking a dose of bark.—A new and spacious hospital is to be erected at Albany, over \$50,000 having been subscribed, to be under the auspices of the Albany Medical College.—A new petroleum, or oil spring, has been recently discovered in Virginia; it furnishes some two gallons of oil a day.—From recent investigations among the tombs of the ancient Egyptians, it has been discovered that they were acquainted with the use of nitrate of silver as an indelible ink; and also that nitric acid was employed by the "early Egyptian chemists" in the process of embalming dead bodies.—The London Times, Punch, Manchester Guardian, and two or three others refuse to publish any notice or advertisement from quacks that contain in it the slightest approach to indecent or indelicate expressions.—It has been found by actual experiments, performed near London, that in animals a greater degree of fatening was obtained from a less amount of food when Cod Liver Oil was used. Hogs took two ounces, sheep one ounce, and cattle a quarter to three quarters of a pint, per diem, and paid better than any others in the market.—The bill legalizing dissections, presented to the Legislature of the State of New York, has passed the Senate and is now before the Assembly or Lower House, with a fair prospect of becoming a law.—In an English paper we find the following bona fide advertisements:—To be sold, the *Wisdom Tooth* of the Duke of Wellington, price £10; and several locks of his hair, price £1 10s. each. N.B.—Likewise a small grinder of Napoleon's for £5.—It is said there are more persons now on the globe, than at any time before; about 1,000,000,000; and that about 33,838,333 die annually; 92,000 die daily; 4,000 every hour, and 61 every minute.—A Mrs. Burke died a few days ago at Quebec aged 110 years.