

MEDICAL NEWS.

Wm. Lawrence, Esq., F.R.S., London, has been appointed one of the Queen's Sergeant Surgeons in ordinary, in the room of the late Benjamin Travers, Esq.—Edward Stanley, Esq., and James Paget, Esq., have been appointed Surgeons extraordinary to the Queen.—Quacks are said to bear the same relation to the medical profession, with that of the pediculus to the human body on which it preys.—Mrs. —, the mother of several children, was lately delivered of a female child having six fingers on each hand and the same number of toes on each foot.—Among the assigned causes of death in "The Curiosities of Registration" occur the following amusing blunders:—Imperfect closure of the *foreman*." "Turner on the right arm." "Disease of the *lever*."—Dr. Sanford B. Hunt having retired from the practice of medicine, has resigned his connection with the "Buffalo Medical Journal," which will be conducted by Dr. Austin Flint, Jr.—It is computed that in a single parish in England, judging from a single druggists' weekly return of retail sales, that the working classes (though they are by no means the sole consumers) spend not less than £700 or £800 a year in laudanum and opium.—The Academy of Sciences, at Paris, at its session on the 8th February, 1858, awarded to M. Brown-Séguard, a prize for his persevering researches into the properties of the arterial and venous blood.—The same Academy has awarded a prize of 2,500 francs to M. Broca, for his treatise on aneurisms—the same sum to M. Morel, for his treatise on degeneration—the same to Messrs. Delafond and Bourguignon, for their researches on the itch among animals.—It is said Russia lost in the late war 362 army surgeons. In the French service 1 in 6 7-10 military surgeons died in consequences of disease contracted in the Crimea.—In a chemical lecture room in the Pesth University, a compound of cyanid mercury and hydro-chloric acid exploded, wounding the professor and his assistant in the eyes. The pupils seized with a panic, rushed to the door and some jumped out of the window. In leaping out they broke a vessel placed beneath the window containing the hydro-chloric acid, and several were injured.—The celebrated Chomel of France died recently at his country house, after a long and painful illness, which had for the last few years prevented him from attending to practice.—300 sick and wounded soldiers were on their way from India in the ships Hotspur and Emily.—The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland has been pleased to appoint Dr. Law, King's Professor of the Institutes of Medicine, and Dr. Banks, King's Professor of the Practice of Physic, to be physicians in ordinary to his Excellency.—In the same Intelligencer we also learn the same potentate has furthermore graciously appointed Mr. John McKenna, of Dawson st., Dublin, to be breeches-maker to his Excellency.—The Jacksonian prize has been awarded to Alfred Poland, Esq., of Guy's Hospital, for his essay on gunshot wounds and their treatment.—The celebrated Prof. Robert Harrison, of Dublin, author of the popular "Dublin Dissector," died last St. George's day of an apoplectic seizure.