

who pass its examinations.—A private of Her Majesty's 19th Regt. in India, has been sentenced to penal servitude for life, for striking an Assistant Surgeon.—The officers last quarter condemned a little over twenty-seven tons of meat, in London, as being unfit for human food.—Dr. Hicks, of Kentucky, mentions that he saw a man who was shot, the ball passing through the left ventricle of the heart, *who was moved four miles, and lived forty-eight hours*, and was perfectly rational. The nature of the wound was revealed by a post mortem examination.—During the epidemic of Small Pox last winter in London, the number of patients admitted into the Small Pox Hospital was 1537. The deaths among the un-vaccinated was 47 per cent.; among the vaccinated 9.9 per cent. The mean death rate, extending over a series of years, amongst the un-vaccinated has been 35 per cent., among the vaccinated $6\frac{3}{4}$ per cent.

Dr. Mapother, Professor of Hygiene at the College of Surgeons, Ireland, has been appointed health officer for the city of Dublin. The salary is 100 guineas. His duties will be to direct the labor of the inspector of nuisances and his two assistants, when any nuisance to the public health may arise; to advise the city in taking means to prevent disease, and furnish a weekly list of the causes of death.

The Contagiousness of Consumption is the subject of a paper read before the Boston Society for Medical Improvement, April 18, 1864, by Henry L. Bowditch, M.D. His investigations lead him to believe that consumption is not *contagious* in the usual acceptation of that word, but that it may be *infectious* to a certain extent; so that, by long and constant attendance upon those sick with this disease, and living in an atmosphere loaded with the emanations from the lungs of such patients, the health may be undermined, and phthisis set in. For this reason he would warn a wife, or a sister, or a near female friend, from too close a devotion to a consumptive husband, sister, or friend. Sleeping in the same bed, or even in the same room with the sick one, should be avoided. The attendant should pay strict attention to hygienic rules, especially as regards diet and frequent exercise in the open air.

Anæsthesia from Chloroform prolonged by the Hypodermic Injection of Morphia.—Professor Nutbaum, of Munich, reports a number of cases of anæsthesia being prolonged from eight to twelve hours by injecting beneath the skin, while the patient is under the influence of chloroform, one grain of the acetate of morphia. The patient sleeps, breathing regularly and calmly, during the most severe and prolonged operation, and finally awakes as if he had just passed through a chloroform narcotism.