

Books Received for Review.—A Treatise on the Venereal Disease. By A. Vidal (de Cassis.) Messrs. S. S. & W. Wood, New York.

MEDICAL NEWS.

A physician at the South has been fighting a duel, but no harm was done, his bullets being more harmless than his boluses.—The Mayor of the city of Brooklyn, in his annual message, attributes three-fourths of the crime in that city to drunkenness, and invokes the aid of the City Council to close the grog shops on the Sabbath.—Forty-three deaths by small-pox were reported in New York, week before last.—From a return just published it is shewn that the importation of opium into England has increased. In the month ending 10th October, the quantity was 36,759 lbs.—The Copley Medal of the Royal Society was awarded to Dr. Dove of Berlin; and the Royal Medals to Dr. Darwin, author of "Coral Reefs;" Dr. Tyndall, Professor of Physics in the Royal Institution; Dr. Dove for his works on the "Distribution of Heat over the Surface of the Globe;" Dr. Darwin for his work on Natural History; and to Dr. Tyndall for his researches in Magnetism.—At the meeting of the Council on Thursday the 10th Nov., the marble bust by Campbell of the late John Dalrymple was presented to the College of Surgeons of England, by the subscribers to the memorial.—Among the prizes offered by the French Academy for 1854, is one of \$200 for the best essay on cod liver oil as a therapeutic agent.—It is stated that the medical men in the Turkish service have become so disgusted at the bad treatment to which they have been subjected, in the shape of improper food, insufficient housing, and the absence of the respect to which they are entitled, that they are daily leaving the service.—The whole number of students who had matriculated in the Faculty of Medicine of Paris, was, up to the 10th December last, 1,065, of whom only 287 were new. The previous year, by the 15th November, the number was 1,431, of whom 480 were new.—Dr. Vogel, the great German traveller to Central Africa, when last heard from, was working his way successfully into the far off, hitherto unknown interior. He has discovered pyramidal tombs of a very remote age.—It is asserted that the number of cigars consumed in Austria annually, amounts to eight millions.—Four hundred persons afflicted with cancer have been in the Cancer Hospital, London, since 1831, when the institution was first opened.—The stereotype plates and copyright of South's Household Surgery, recently sold at auction in London, brought £220 sterling.—There is at present a mild but extensive epidemic of measles in Edinburgh and its neighborhood, so much so that the Royal Infirmary, where for years very few cases of this disease have been admitted, now contains several in almost every ward.—A Spanish Journal, *El Povoeris Medice*, relates the extraordinary circumstance of an individual who is an entire stranger to the healing art, having received authority by a royal decree to practice medicine in Barcelona. The *Spanish Medical Press* urges "the profession to protest against this decree and to demand its revocation.—1,751 persons were taken, all whom had attained an hundred years, and were all living at the same time. In one year they had diminished to 1,587, in the second year to 1,442, in the third to 1,230, in the fourth to 1,125, and so on, until, out of the original 1,751, only 143 reached the age of 120; 44 survived to 130; 12 to 140; and one old gentleman completed his 150th year.—The Sandwich Islanders are apparently being exterminated by the small-pox. At the end of last July there had been 2,886 cases, and 1,027 deaths.—The Academy of Science of Paris has received the legacy of 100,000 francs, left it by a generous philanthropist, M. Brémont, as a recompense for him who shall discover the best remedy for cholera. As this is not likely to be soon awarded, it is proposed to give the interest (from £150 to £200) annually, for the most useful discovery connected with cholera. During the first Empire a similar sum was left for the curer of croup, which has not yet been awarded.—An attempt to erect a statue to the celebrated Surgeon Desault, was made by the town of Lure, in Franche Comté, where he was born. Subscription books were distributed throughout France. A great folio book was opened at the office of the *Gazette Médicale* in Paris, to receive contributions, but only one person inserted his name; this was a Monsieur A. L. Roblet, and his subscription amounted to two francs. All honor to M. Roblet.—The Town Council of Birmingham have informed the public, through the medium of advertisements, that they are prepared to receive communications from the gentlemen of the medical profession, to fill the office of Medical Sanitary Inspector, which is *honorary*. The system of gratuitous medical attendance is gradually becoming so great an evil, that it must ultimately work its own cure.