

Books received for Review.—Lawrence on the Eye. A new edition, by Isaac Hays, M.D. 1854.—Bennet on the Uterus. Fourth American from the third and revised London edition. 1854.—Fownes' Chemistry for Students. A new American from the last and revised London edition. From Messrs. Blanchard & Lea, Philadelphia.—Corson on Functional and Sympathetic Affections of the Heart. From the Author.—The Medical Application of Electro-Magnetism. By Samuel B. Smith.

MEDICAL NEWS.

Mr. Walker, Secretary of State of Massachusetts, has prepared a table of the vocations as well as the ages of several thousand persons who died between 1823 and 1850, showing the following results: average age at death of farmers 63.8; professional men 57.5; merchants 51; carpenters 49.2; laborers 45.3; shoemakers 43.—Dr. Haldane has been appointed pathologist to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.—M. Jacobi has invented an apparatus for employing electricity in attacking whales. By means of it, several successive shocks can be given to the huge leviathan, with the effect, it is assumed, of rendering him powerless.—M. Louis, the distinguished author of "Researches on Phthisis," &c., &c., has resigned the physicianship of the Hotel Dieu, on account of the delicate health of his only son, whose case he himself will anxiously take charge of during his residence at Pau.—Drs. Kerrieue and Pellarin have proposed that all the patients who enter the French Hospitals should be vaccinated.—If any one should sneeze in company in North Germany, those present will say, "your good health". in Vienna, gentlemen in a *cafe* will take off their hats, and say, "God be with you"; and in Ireland, a native will say, "God bless your honor," or, "long life to your honor." In Italy and Spain similar expressions are used, and in Bengal the natives make a "salam" on these occasions. All this is owing to a popular idea of sneezing having some connection with Satanic agency.—Prof. George Hadley, of Buffalo Medical College, has accepted the appointment of Professor of Chemistry and Natural History in Castleton Medical College.—A Hydropathic School has been organized in New York. Water, of course, is taught to be the invariable remedy of every disease.—An apothecary's boy was lately sent to leave at one house a box of pills, and at another six live fowls. Confused on the way, he left the pills where the fowls should have gone, and the fowls at the pills place. The folks who received the fowl were astonished at reading the following directions: "Swallow one every two hours."—Dr. Marshall Hall has been performing vivisections on young alligators, at Charleston, S. C.—Dr. Walker, of Portland, took from the face of Mr. Gilmour, near the right eye, a porcupine's quill about two inches long. Last winter Mr. G. killed a porcupine, and in eating some of the flesh got the quill into his throat, from whence it gradually worked its way to his eye, causing him considerable inconvenience in its peregrinations.—For twelve months or more St. Louis has been blessed with extraordinary health. The deaths for the last week were only 28, in a population of about 100,000, continually recruited by Europeans.—Stockton is reported as being very unhealthy. One hundred and forty cases of chill and fever were reported in one day. This disease, says the Journal, seems to be epidemic, as almost every citizen has had more or less of it. Every countenance, almost, wears a cadaverous look, and every inquiry produces but one unwilling answer, "the shakes."—Dr. Daniell, of Grosvenor Street, London, has been for some time in a very precarious state of health, through attendance on fever from sewerage effluvia, connected with choleraic symptoms.—A committee is in the course of formation in France to promote the erection of a statue to the distinguished *savant*, the late M. Arago.—During the month of November, 1141 deaths from cholera occurred on board of emigrant ships bound from Europe to New York, and between four and five thousand were afflicted with it during the passage.—Dr. R. J. Breckenridge has been elected to the chair of *materia medica*, in the Kentucky School of Medicine, at Louisville, in place of Dr. E. D. Force, resigned.—Dr. Socrates Maupin has been elected Professor of Chemistry in the University of Virginia, to fill the vacancy caused by the recent resignation of Dr. J. Lawrence Smith.—Drs. Willard Parker and W. H. Van Buren have resigned their respective situations as surgeons to Bellevue Hospital, New York, and Drs. Lewis A. Sayre and John J. Crane have been duly appointed to the vacancies thus created.