

MEDICAL NEWS.

The students of the Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, have presented Dr. Mapother with a tea and coffee service and salver, in appreciation of his talents as a teacher.—An advertisement has appeared in the *Lancet*, notifying that "an M. D., with a practice of £800 a-year in the West end, aged 30, of good connexion and professional status, is desirous of being introduced to the daughter of a medical man, with a view to marriage and partnership."—The patrons of homœopathy in London and vicinity, including several noblemen of rank, dined together at the Goose and Gridiron, on All-Fool's day.—There are in the Zurich Lunatic Asylum 25 persons who have lost their reason through table turning and spirit rapping.—Male eggs are said to be distinguishable from female eggs by having wrinkles on their smaller end, while the female are equally smooth at both ends. M. Genin confirms this after 3 years' study.—Frogs are being used as an article of food by some of the lower classes of Lancashire.—*To keep rooms cool in summer*: Fill a flat vessel with water, and on it float branches of trees covered with green leaves. This is done much in Germany. The suspension of Indian matting, previously damped, at the open window, tends much to diminish the heat. The matting may be imitated by any kind of plaited grass.—Recent statistics have declared that in the 8 principal towns of Scotland, 8.5 per cent. of the births are illegitimate. This is the average, but the individual proportions are these: in Greenock, 4.6 per cent.; in Glasgow, 6.9; in Perth, 7.5; in Paisley, 7.9; in Edinburgh and Leith, 9.3; in Dundee, 9.6; while in Aberdeen the proportion was 19.5 per cent.—We regret to hear that Prof. Muller of Berlin has recently died, in the 56th year of his age. He was one of the brightest luminaries of science.—Late advices from Guatemala state that the cochineal crop has been entirely destroyed; also that the government has offered premiums for the preservation and cultivation of the tree producing the balsam of tolu.—Dr. Rhuders, physician, has set to music the palpitations and irregular beatings of the heart of a female who is a patient in the hospital at Upsal. This disease, written in musical notes, with quavers and semi-quavers, forms a kind of waltz, and is one of the greatest curiosities of pathological science.—"Madam," said a doctor one day to the mother of a sweet, healthy babe, "the ladies have deputed me to inquire what you do to have such a happy, uniformly good child?" The mother mused for a moment over the strangeness of the question, and then replied, "Why, heaven has given me a healthy child, and I let it alone."—Garrick said of Sir John Hill, the physician and author, "The worst I wish the doctor is, that he may be compelled to take his own physic and read his own verses." "You must reverse the punishment," said a wag, "any man who takes the doctor's physic, won't live to read his rhymes."—*Brandy in a bad way*: Commercial intelligence from Paris states that "Brandies give no signs of life." If that is the case, brandy appears to be in danger of losing the title of *Eau de Vie*.—"I don't believe it's any use, this vaccination," said a Yankee. "I had a child vaccinated, and he fell out of the winder a week arter, and got killed."—A correspondent of a Picayune paper has such a cold in his head, that he can't wash his face without freezing the water.—This warning cypress flower is culled from a Cheltenham cemetery:—

"Here lies I and my three daughters,
Killed by a drinking of the Cheltenham waters;
If we had stuck to Epsom salts,
We'd not been a lying in these here vaults."