

## MEDICAL NEWS.

The Castleton (Vermont) Medical College has ceased to exist, and the property been sold. The attendance of students at the New York colleges the present session is as follows: College of Physicians and Surgeons, 300; Bellevue Hospital College, 300; University of New York, 200. It is said that J. P. Lippincott & Co., of Philadelphia, will shortly publish a new edition of the United States Dispensatory, by Wood and Bache. Dr. Kirk, one of the physicians to St. Bartholomew Hospital, London, died recently at the early age of 41 years; he is well known in this country from his work on Physiology. Twenty-two thousand people live in cellars in the city of New York. A new fever Hospital has just been erected at Liverpool; it has accommodation for 160 patients: the cost was £6,000. The operation of Caesarean section was performed in Belfast, Ireland, in the early part of January: the child was saved, but the mother died; she had been in labour four full days previous to the operation. An ophthalmic department has been added to Kings College Hospital, London.

The inauguration of a statue to the memory of Baron Larrey, Surgeon in chief of the armies of the first French Empire, took place recently. His son, who now occupies the post of Medical Director of the French armies, was present. Dr. Sims of Alabama, but for two years past a resident of Paris, has had the cross of the Legion of Honour conferred upon him by the Emperor Napoleon in recognition of his successful treatment of uterine diseases. The London *Lancet* of December 10th, 1864, says, that two children were brought up before the Wisbich Police Court charged with stealing several bottles of homœopathic medicine from the shop of a Mr. Finnell. It was said in Court that the children had eaten the contents of more than twenty bottles, "without being either the better or worse" for it.

A *conversazione* of the geologists' Association was held on Tuesday week at 32A, George street Hanover square, which was numerously attended by the members and their friends. Mr. Highley, F.G.S., exhibited, by the aid of his oxy-hydrogen demonstrating lantern, a fine series of microscopic objects enlarged by microphotography. Mr. Highley claimed for his invention that it supersedes the old system, all objects presented being faithful copies of nature, rendered with an accuracy impossible to be attained by hand-painting. Mr. T. Boverton Redwood explained to the visitors the nature and properties of the metal magnesium, and showed the beautiful light it produces when burned. A number of interesting objects were displayed by the members, amongst which may be mentioned a splendid series of crystals from Germany.—  
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