

as neither animal nor vegetable life flourishes on their surface; furthermore they are incombustible, and if struck forcibly they will bend or be bulged in without fracture. Above all, this paper has the advantage over timber and iron in the matter of cost. M. Szerlemy, the inventor, is now engaged in the construction of light field-pieces for mountain warfare, which are expected to answer every purpose.

THE SANITARY COMMISSION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY—ITS WORKS AND PURPOSES.

This work, embracing about 300 pages, has been in our possession some weeks, and its perusal has given us not a little pleasure. The idea of a Sanitary Commission is not an original one with our neighbors, but is borrowed from ourselves. Who can forget that terrible winter of the Crimean campaign, when our brave troops were melting away; when the mortality had reached the fearful aggregate of 97 per cent. and which, owing to a Commission somewhat similar to this, was reduced to 1 per cent? The United States Commission is indeed a vast one—giving advice—and supplementing relief. Whatever may be our political feelings with regard to this fearful strife, we can but sympathise with this Commission in its labors to alleviate the horrors of a war which we hope may soon be brought to a close.

MEDICAL NEWS.

General Cameron, commanding the forces in New Zealand, in a dispatch thus speaks of the courage displayed by three medical officers during the recent engagement with the Maories: "I must particularly mention the valuable services of Deputy Inspector General Mowat, Surgeon McKinnon, 57th Regt., and Assistant-Surgeon Manlay, R. A., who fearlessly exposed themselves to fire in attending the wounded, the greater part of whom fell close to the enemy's works." — A monument is being erected at Netley, near the Royal Victoria Hospital, to the memory of the medical officers, seventy in number, who lost their lives on service during the Crimean campaign. It will be fifty feet high. The foundation stone was laid by the Prince of Wales on the 8th of August.

Dr. Livingstone has arrived from Africa. — Professor Pope of St. Louis recently removed a foetal skeleton of extra uterine formation through the rectum, and the patient recovered. — The London College of Physicians has decided to grant its Diplomas only to persons