

them. The time of the enumerators, the expenses of printing &c., have been, we consider, virtually thrown away. The total number of deaths enumerated in Upper Canada were 7775, in 5836 of which the causes of death were specified, whilst in the remaining 1939 they were not specified. In Lower Canada 11674 deaths were recorded, 6500 of which had the causes of death specified, and 5174 had not. Among those recorded we find 126 to have died of INFANCY! 258 of *teething*; 460 of *Inflammation*; 4 of INTERNAL SPRAIN; 14 of *Black Fever*; 89 of *Liver Complaint*; 55 of *Jaundice*; 28 of *Bowel Complaint*; 6 of *Internal Rupture*; and 12 of *Canker Rash*. What dependence can be placed on such returns?

THE UNITED AFRICAN TWINS.

It was our intention to have written a description of these interesting little strangers who were so lately among us, but having ascertained that a similar communication was prepared for the August number of the *Chronicle* by a well known *dilettante*, we preferred the account should come from his abler hands. It will be illustrated by 4 figures transferred to wood by an excellent artist from daguerrean likenesses.

Without, however, anticipating our friend, we may remark that the United African Twins present exactly the same example of diplogeneses that was observed nearly a century and a half ago in two children born in Hungary, who were also females, and were familiarly known as the Hungarian Sisters, Judith and Helen, their description is given by Buffon, and reads as follows:—"These young women were entirely separated from each other, except the anus,* which was common to both, from which circumstance they simultaneously experienced the same desire of relieving nature; but in other respects, as in size, in temper, and in health, they differed, and, unfortunately, frequently quarrelled with each other. When in her 22nd year, Judith fell ill of fever, became lethargic, and died. Poor Helen was obliged to submit to her unhappy destiny; three minutes previous to the death of Judith she suddenly fell *in articulo mortis*, and expired nearly at the same moment. These twin sisters were born at a place called Tzoni, in Hungary, on the 16th October, 1701, and died in a Convent at St Petersburg, on the 23d February, 1723." A post mortem examination was held, at which the only peculiarity, beyond that known during life to have existed, was

*They must also, like the African twins, have had an inseparable union, by the fusion of the false vertebrae of each, so that between the two there was only a single back bone in common.