

The Committee for the Prevention of Blindness in the United States is authority for the statement that there are more than 10,000 blind persons because their eyes were neglected during the first few days of life. Many more are partly blind for the same reason.

It is announced from Hot Springs, Ark., that capital is being raised in New York for the erection of a large sanatorium at that place. The building and grounds will occupy ten acres and will cost \$9,000,000.

In the *Medical Record* of July 1 (p. 29) reference was made to Rickett's recommendation of calcium sulphide as an antidote to bichloride of mercury. For every grain of mercury which has been taken he gives one grain of calcium sulphide by the mouth, and repeats it every two hours until five doses have been taken.

Sir William Osler has sent word to a number of American surgeons that there are vacancies for 120 young American medical graduates in the military hospitals of London and its immediate neighborhood. The term of service is six months. There will be a small salary and passage will be paid both ways. Applications will be received by Dr. Richard Cabot and Dr. Henry A. Christian of Boston; Dr. W. S. Thayer of West Fifty-ninth Street, New York.

Dr. W. W. H. Tate, F.R.C.P., obstetric physician to St. Thomas's Hospital, died on 5th July at the age of 51. He was regarded as a noted authority on his specialty.

It is planned to erect a memorial to the late Major Walter Reed, head of the Army Commission which confirmed Finlay's mosquito theory of the transmission of yellow fever, on the campus of the University of Virginia, of which he was a graduate.

A bill has been introduced in the Georgia Legislature requiring a college course of two years as a preliminary for admission to any medical school in the State. The bill also provides that there shall be no appeal from the decision of the Board of Medical Examiners when the license of a physician is revoked.

The new dispensary building of the Philadelphia Orthopedic Hospital and Infirmary for Nervous Diseases has been formally opened and dedicated to the memory of Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, a founder of the institution and for many years chief of the staff.

Dr. T. Gillman Moorhead, F.R.C.P.I., has been elected Professor of the Practice of Medicine in the schools of the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland in succession to Sir John Moore, retired.

Sir W. Watson Cheyne has been re-elected President of the Royal College of Surgeons, and Mr. W. Harrison Cripps and Mr. C. J. Symonds vice-presidents.