

filed on Nov. 10, in the Norfolk registry of probate at Dedham, Mass., contains bequests of \$20,000 to the Massachusetts General Hospital, and \$20,000 to the town of Canton, Mass., for the procuring or maintenance of a hospital there. It also provides that the income of \$50,000 from a fund of \$100,000 given to the president and fellows of Harvard College shall be used for the general purposes of the Harvard Medical School.

It is announced that the new Mikado of Japan has conferred the Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure of the Third Class upon Dr. John C. H. Berry, of Worcester, Mass., who, as a medical missionary, established the first modern Japanese hospital at Kioto, and made other "signal contributions towards the improvement of medical and sanitary organizations" in Japan.

A bronze tablet in memory of Dr. D. B. St. John Roosa has been recently unveiled at the Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital, in New York, of which he was president from its foundation in 1881 until his death in 1908.

Dr. Arthur Tracy Cabot, of Boston, a noted genito-urinary surgeon, and successor to Dr. H. J. Bigelow, died recently.

Dr. Robert Fletcher, principal assistant librarian at the Surgeon-General's Office, Washington, died Nov. 8th, 1912. He was born in Bristol, England, in 1823.

Prof. M. J. Rosenau has come to the conclusion, after careful study, that infection of poliomyelitis is carried from the sick to the well by means of the bite of the common stable fly. He succeeded in infecting healthy monkeys by means of these flies.

The success of the oatmeal diet has been one of the greatest puzzles in diabetes. The theory has been advanced that oatmeal starch has a distinctive composition which allows of its absorption in a way different from other carbohydrates. Another suggestion is that oatmeal contains some substance which favors carbohydrate oxidation either through stimulation of internal secretion or through an action like that of glutaric acid.

Dr. James W. McLane, formerly one of the most prominent obstetricians in New York, but for several years retired from active practice, died at his home in this city on Monday of this week. He was born in New York, August 19, 1839; was graduated in arts from Yale in 1861, and in medicine from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1864.

By concerted action in seventy-two cities in twenty-two states, post office inspectors on November 20 arrested or prepared to arrest 175 men and women charged with having used the mails in the sale of illegal medical and surgical devices. The raids, which were ordered by