

An appeal for funds for the erection of a statue of the late Professor Baccelli to be placed in the Policlinico at Rome, has been issued by Professor Rummo, of Naples, and Professor Maragliano, of Genoa, vice-presidents of the Italian Society of Internal Medicine. Professor Baccelli was one of the founders of the Policlinico.

Forty physicians in the State of Texas have been convicted of violating the Harrison law governing the use of narcotics, and the State Board of Health, at a recent meeting, decided to ask for the revocation of their licenses.

Newspaper despatches from Paris state that Dr. Pierre Roux, director of the Pasteur Institute, on April 4, announced to the Academy of Sciences the discovery of a serum for the treatment and prevention of typhus fever. The discovery is said to be the result of the work of Dr. Noble, director of the Pasteur Institute in Tunis.

Dr. J. William White, noted surgeon, author and trustee of the University of Pennsylvania, died from pneumonia at his home on 25th April.

Dr. Simon Flexner was elected president of the American Society for Experimental Pathology for 1916 at a meeting recently held in Boston. The society will hold its next meeting in New York in December next in combination with the other constituent organizations of the federation of American societies for experimental biology.

The 150th anniversary of the foundation of the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania was celebrated by a dinner given by the Society of the Alumni of the school on February 4th. The school was founded by Dr. John Morgan in 1765, an event which marks the beginning of medical teaching in the United States.

An important step forward in the provision of a complete school of tropical medicine in Calcutta was taken on February 24th, when Lord Carmichael, Governor of Bengal, laid the foundation stone of the hospital for tropical diseases.

The medical inspection of school children has been actively carried on by departmental medical officers for some years, and good work has been done in this direction. Now, however, the Government has decided to go a step further and to undertake the work of treating all school children who have any physical defects. For this purpose they have advertised for the services of additional medical officers and specialists. This is regarded as the thin end of the wedge towards a complete system of nationalization of medical services.

We regret to record the death of Sir Charles Bent Ball, Bt., M.D., M.Ch., F.R.C.S., which occurred on March 17th at his residence in Dublin. The late Sir Charles Ball was a surgeon of great eminence,