

Dr. Algernon Coolidge died at his residence in Boston on January 4th, in his 82nd year. He was born in Boston in 1830, being a great-grandson of Thomas Jefferson on the spindle side, and received his preliminary education abroad. He graduated from Harvard Medical School in 1853, took part in the Civil War, and was a member of the Sanitary Commission, subsequently becoming surgeon to the Chesapeake Hospital, the Portsmouth Grove, R. I., Hospital, and the Massachusetts General Hospital, whence he resigned in 1873. He is survived by a widow and several children. He received the degree of A. M. from Harvard in 1869.

The Owen Bill at Washington proposes to unite in one department the public health and marine service of the Treasury Department, the Bureau of Census and Vital Statistics of the Department of Commerce, and the Bureau of Chemistry of the Agricultural Department. It is urged that this would secure greater efficiency in the promotion of the health of the people.

The Western Reserve University of Cleveland has secured an endowment of \$1,000,000 towards medical education. There were a number of donors. Messrs. Rockefeller and Hanna gave each \$250,000.

Romaine Pierson, publisher of the *Practical Druggist*, of New York, has purchased from Dr. Alfred Kimball Hills the *Medical Times*, a publication just closing its fortieth year. Dr. H. S. Baketel will be the editor-in-chief. The address for mailing to will be 108 Fulton Street, New York.

Odilon Marc Lannelongue, of Paris, died recently. He was one of the most distinguished of the surgeons of France. He was born in 1840. He held many important appointments in Paris, and was an industrious and careful contributor to the literature of surgical subjects.

Sir Charles O'Grady Gubbins, M.D., a Senator of South Africa, died last December in Newcastle, Natal. He was born in Ireland in 1855, but spent his working years in South Africa, where he took a deep interest in the political development of the country. He was a capable surgeon and rendered excellent service to the army.

Prof. E. A. Schafer, M.D., F.R.S., has been awarded the de Lyon prize, worth £120, by the Academy of Science of the Royal Institute of Bologna, for his work on the ductless glands.

Mr. Edgar Jones, M.R.C.S., Eng., and J. P. of Great Burstead, in Sussex, recently celebrated his 103rd birthday.

Prof. Robert Soundly has resigned his position as senior honorary physician to the General Hospital, Birmingham. He was tendered a very cordial vote of recognition of his services for the past 27 years.