

and South America; and Dr. Joseph H. White, of the United States Public Health Service is to superintend this work.

On April 29 the All Around Dickens Club, of Boston, celebrated its twentieth anniversary by dedicating a free bed in memory of Charles Dickens at the New Children's Hospital.

Dr. Charles Pickering Putman, who died on April 23 last in his 70th year, was born in Boston, September 15, 1844. He was the son of Charles Gideon Putman, M.D., and Elizabeth Cabot Jackson, both of Boston, and grandson of Dr. James Jackson. He graduated from Harvard College in 1865 and from the Harvard Medical School in 1869; continued his medical studies for a while in Germany, and began the practice of his profession in Boston in 1871. Since that time he had carried on a general practice, though for many years he made a specialty of pediatrics and did some excellent pioneer work in orthopedics. He was a lecturer at the Harvard Medical School on diseases on children from 1873-75 and a clinical instructor on that subject 1875-79. He served the Boston Dispensary as district physician from 1871-1873 and as orthopedic surgeon 1873-57. In 1898 he was elected President of the American Pediatric Society.

The Boston Medical Library is a duly incorporated institution of Massachusetts, having a membership of 700 physicians in Greater Boston, funds amounting to over \$500,000, and a library of 80,000 volumes and 56,000 pamphlets.

It is announced that Brigadier General William C. Gorgas, surgeon general of the United States Army, is one of the first two recipients of the gold medal of the National Academy of Sciences, which is awarded "for eminence in the application of science to the public welfare." The medal is awarded to Colonel Gorgas in recognition of the work done by him in connection with the building of the Panama Canal. The other recipient of the medal is Colonel George W. Goethals. The medals were presented at the annual banquet of the academy, held in Washington, D. C., on Wednesday evening, April 22.

The University of Glasgow has conferred the honorary degree of LL. D., on Sir William B. Leishman.

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## OBITUARY

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JAMES O. EMMETT.

The death occurred on 30th April at Fonthill of James O. Emmett, M. D., one of the older practitioners of Welland County. He was