

Mr. Thomas Bryant, the well-known surgeon, recently attained his 80th year, and at the request of the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons, Mr. Morris, president, and Messrs. Cheque and Gould, vice-presidents, sent him a letter of congratulation. Mr. Bryant was once president of the Colleges of Surgeons.

After the Society of Medical Practitioners of France concluded its recent meeting, 344 of its members paid a visit to Britain and were well received and entertained. *This entente cordiale medicale* will do much good. The world is fast becoming too small to keep up the old national divisions.

The Departmental Commission on Public Health for Paris has approved the Bill for the suppression of fraud in connection with drugs and similar products. By this act there will be annual inspection of all laboratories and dispensaries kept by medical men, veterinary surgeons, druggists, chemists, grocers, herbalists, etc.

The Imperial Court of Leipsic has given a very important verdict in a case. A father brought his boy to a celebrated orthopedic surgeon of Heildelburg. The surgeon operated on the boy without obtaining the father's consent. Suit was entered and damages to the extent of £250 awarded.

Sir Thomas Stevenson, the senior scientific analyst to the British Home office, died on 27th July, at the age of a little over 70 years. He edited Taylor's Medical Jurisprudence, and took part in many celebrated poisoning cases. He was the chief scientific crown witness in the Maybrick case.

The birth rate of a number of countries per 1,000 of the population is as follows: France 21, Ireland 23, Russia and Bulgaria 41, Servia and Roumania 39, Hungary 37, Austria 35, Germany 34, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Japan, South America and Mexico about 32 to 35, England and Scandinavia 26 and 28 respectively.

The plague in India is showing signs of coming under control. The number of deaths in 1907 was 1,204,194, but if the immediate past 12 months be taken, the number would be only 252,781. This shows a marked falling off. One of the main efforts put forth is the destruction of rats.

In Vienna the Medical Council has attempted to suppress contract practice, and has decided on some occasions that doctors taking clubs or unions at a fixed price were acting unethetically. In some cases the courts have upset the ruling of the medical council. Thus the conditions are in confusion between the medical council and the legal courts.

A very active dispute has arisen over the monument to be erected in memory of Virchow in Berlin. The design had been agreed upon,