

Dr. De Forest Willard, of Philadelphia, the distinguished Orthopedic surgeon, died 14th October, in his 65th year. He was a noted author and a well-known philanthropist.

During the first half of 1910 it is officially announced that the births in France exceeded the deaths by 21,189. During the year 1909 the deaths exceeded the births by 28,205.

Sidney Ringer the author of a well-known work on therapeutics, died at his home in Yorkshire at the age of 76. He held many important medical offices in London.

It is proposed to raise the sum of £250,000 in Scotland as a tuberculosis fund as a memorial to the late King Edward. The press is giving the movement active support.

In some parts of Michigan smallpox has become very serious. Compulsory vaccination has been ordered. The disease has seriously disturbed business. There have been a number of deaths.

Harper Hospital in Detroit is to be replaced by a splendid new one to cost \$600,000, the gift of four citizens. It is to be noiseless and modern in every way.

A National Memorial Fund is to be raised for the late Miss Florence Nightingale. It is proposed that the fund be used for the relief of nurses who through age or ill-health require assistance.

The Royal Society of Medicine, London, is trying to raise about £50,000 for its proposed new building. Of this sum about £10,000 has been already secured.

Professor Miguel Bombarda, the distinguished teacher of Lisbon, was shot in the abdomen by a former patient. The wound proved fatal. He was a well-known authority on diseases of the brain and nervous system.

"Ether Day" at the Massachusetts General Hospital has become a well-established event. It is held in memory of Morton who discovered ether, and on the anniversary some person of eminence delivers an address.

The Carnegie Hero Commission has awarded a silver medal and a pension of \$30 a month to the mother of Nurse M. K. Brown, who lost her own life in preventing a delirious patient from shooting herself. In the struggle the nurse was shot.

Henri Durant, the founder of the International Red Cross Society, died at Heiden, Switzerland, on Sunday, 30th October, aged 82. He spent his fortune on Red Cross organizations. The Nobel Prize awarded him enabled him to spend his old age in comfort.

Sir Robert Boyce has reported that yellow fever has been endemic along the West Coast of Africa. He claims that many cases that have been called malaria are really yellow fever. It is the *stegomyia canopus*