

## FROM ABROAD.

Dr. Howard A. Kelly had an operation of cholecystitis. He made a good recovery.

The *Tribune*, of Chicago, has commenced a medical department on preventive medicine. The section is entitled how to keep well, and is edited by Dr. W. A. Evans, formerly Health Commissioner of the city.

Dr. Thomas Dwight, successor to Oliver Wendell Holmes in the chair of anatomy at Harvard, died September 8th at the age of 68. For a number of years he edited the *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*.

The health of the Philippines has greatly improved of recent years. The death rate from beri-beri formerly was from 5,000 to 7,000 annually. This has been much reduced. The birth rate now exceeds the death. A few years ago the reverse was true.

It is announced that Dr. David Finlay, Professor of Practice of Medicine at the Aberdeen University, will shortly resign the chair which he has held for twenty years. Professor Finlay is an Honorary Physician to the King in Scotland, and a member of the General Medical Council.

We are officially informed that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has appointed Sir Ronald Ross, K.C.B., M.D., F.R.S., Professor of Tropical Medicine in the University of Liverpool, to be a member of the Advisory Medical and Sanitary Committee for Tropical Africa, in succession to the late Sir Rubert Boyce.

J. G. Gallison (*New York Med. Rec.*, June 24, 1911) begins with a small dose of 25,000,000 and increases to 50,000,000 at intervals of two or three days. Prophylactic injections are given at ten days' intervals. Antibodies—bacteriolsins, opsonins and agglutinins—begin to develop on the fifth to the tenth day.

Sir Thomas Boor Crosby, M.D., F.R.C.S., was on the 29th ult., elected Lord Mayor of London, according to ancient custom. His election is a memorable one, in that he is the first member of the medical profession to occupy this position, as well as being one of the oldest, if not the oldest, citizens to fill the office.

The Legislative Council of Simla has taken active steps to control ague and the plague. A carefully prepared report has been secured on the spread and prevention of these diseases in many parts of India. Ague districts are to be drained; and money was set aside for the prevention of the plague.

The Metropolitan Asylums Board provided last year for a daily average of 12,792 patients, at a cost of £965,802. The Board oversees 15 hospitals for infectious diseases, four asylums for imbeciles, two hospitals for poor children, three seaside sanatoria, and several other institutions and homes.