

surgery in the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, failed to agree on a verdict and were discharged by the presiding judge. Dr. Sweet was indicted last year with five other members of the medical faculty of the University, all being charged with cruelty to animals in that the animals were neglected after having undergone operations.

The foundation stone of the new School of Tropical Medicine at Calcutta, India, was laid recently, the government having appropriated \$195,000 for the site and the erection of laboratory buildings. The school will accept students from all over the world.

We have to record, with great regret, the death of Dr. John Abercrombie, consulting physician to Charing Cross Hospital, to the Foundling Hospital, and at one time assistant physician to the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street. Dr. Abercrombie retired from London to reside in Westmorland a few years ago. He had been in failing health for some year or two, and his death was due to cardiac failure.

Statistics recently published show that the mortality of measles per 100,000 is 48 in Chile, 44 in Hungary, 38 in Spain, 35 in Belgium, 33 in Austria, 29 in England and Wales, 10.8 in the United States, 6 in Sweden, 3.4 in New Zealand, and 2.4 in Australia.

It is announced that Mr. James Deering, of Cleveland, Ohio, has made a gift of \$1,000,000 for the endowment of the Wesley Hospital of that city, with the provision that it shall be a teaching hospital under control of Northwestern University. This munificent gift is made in memory of the donor's father and sister.

It is announced that arrangements have been effected for the control by the Cornell University Medical College of the largest cancer hospital in this country. The buildings for this are those of the General Memorial Hospital, at 105th and 106th Streets and Central Park West, an institution which was originally intended for the treatment of cancer. A fund of over \$1,000,000 has already been secured, and \$500,000 of this is stated to have been contributed by Dr. James Douglas, head of the house of Phelps, Dodge and Company, through whom also the hospital will receive a large supply of radium.

We regret to record the death, on April 17th, of Dr. T. J. Griffiths, who was President of the British Medical Association when the annual meetings was held at Swansea in 1903. Dr. Griffiths had been in failing health for some time, and a year or two ago went to reside at Bourne-mouth, where he died. The immediate cause of his death was double pneumonia.

The Rockefeller Commission for the Eradication of Hookworm Disease, it is announced, is to extend its field of activity into Central