

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS

An Inquiry Into the Medical Curriculum by the Edinburgh Pathological Club. (Edinburgh: W. Green & Sons.) Please note that this book is not on sale. A few copies are still available for distribution. Application should be made to the Secretary, Dr. H. M. Traquair, 16 Manor Place, Edinburgh.

In view of the necessity for a more central location and commodious quarters for the *American Journal of Surgery*, new offices have been taken at 15 East 26th Street, New York.

The Eugenics Research Association has addressed a formal memorial to the Theodore Roosevelt Permanent Memorial National Committee urging that a "Roosevelt Institute of Family Life" be developed in connection with the Eugenics Record Office of the Carnegie Institution at Washington, for the purpose of elevating the human race.

During the past nearly twenty-one months the American people have given in cash and supplies to the American Red Cross more than \$400,000,000. No value can be placed upon the contributions of service which have been given without stint and oftentimes at great sacrifice by millions of the people.

"When the United States entered the war the American Red Cross had about 500,000 members. To-day, as the result of the recent Christmas Membership Roll Call, there are upwards of 17,000,000 full paid members outside of the members of the Junior Red Cross, numbering perhaps 9,000,000 school children additional.

The American Red Cross work in France was initiated by a commission of eighteen men who landed on French shores June 13, 1917. Since then some 9,000 persons have been upon the rolls in France, of whom 7,000 were actively engaged when the armistice was signed. An indication of the present scale of the work will be obtained from the fact that the services of 6,000 persons are still required.

In the State of New York there has been a great rush for narcotic drugs in anticipation of prohibition. During January a larger quantity of such drugs was sold than during the entire year of 1918.

The Division of Venereal Diseases of the United States Public Health Service is starting a vigorous campaign against venereal diseases. Surgeon-General Rupert Blue has sent out a letter to the physicians of the country calling attention to the spread of these diseases.