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## WORLD OF MEDICINE.

### Varicose Veins.

A new method of intravenous injection treatment of varicose veins of the lower extremities is described by P. Scharff, in *Berliner klinische Wochenschrift*, for March 28.

In order to cause thrombosis of the veins, the author recommends an intravenous injection of bichloride of mercury in normal salt solution of 1-5000 strength. The injections are made with the patient in a standing position after a ligature has been applied to the thigh. The injections are made in the prominent parts of veins, and from three to eight injections are made at one sitting. The author recommends initial doses of  $\frac{1}{2}$  c.c., which are gradually increased in strength until even 5 c.c. may be used at each injection. If these are well borne a 1-3000 solution is injected in the same way. The injections are made at intervals of from three to six days. The author's experience are based upon 90 cases and are highly satisfactory. In only one case was an untoward result obtained. This was the production of a slow-healing ulcer and was due to the injection of a larger dose than he was commonly in the habit of employing.

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### The Henry Phipps Institute.

Mr. Henry Phipps, of New York, has selected the University of Pennsylvania to carry on the work of the Phipps Institute, for which purpose

a hospital will be erected. The extent of the benefaction exceeds \$5,000,000.

The work will be divided into three general departments, each of which will be presided over by a director. For the Directorship of the Laboratory, Dr. Paul Lewis, now of the Rockefeller Institute, has been selected. For Directorship of the Sociological Department, Mr. Alexander M. Wilson, of the Boston Association for the Relief and Control of Tuberculosis. Dr. H. R. M. Landis has accepted the appointment of Director of the Clinical Department.

Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, Harrisburg, Pa.; Dr. S. McC. Lindsay, New York City; Dr. William H. Baldwin, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Herman M. Biggs, New York City; Dr. William H. Welch, Baltimore, Md.; Dr. Simon Flexner, New York City; Dr. James A. Miller, New York City; Dr. Lawrence Brown, Saranac, N. Y.; Dr. Henry Baird Favell, Chicago, Ill., and Dr. James Pratt, Boston, Mass., compose the advisory council.

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### The Psychoneu- roses.

An interesting paper, read by Joseph Collins of New York, at the last meeting of the Canadian Medical Association, appears in the *Medical Record* for July 16., Collins defines a neurosis as a functional nervous disease attended with conspicuous mental and emotional symptoms. The chief functional diseases are epilepsy,