

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS

The Poets' Committee, which is raising funds for ambulances in Italy, announces that the cash receipts up to noon, Saturday, November 10th, were \$113,400.08. Adding to this \$10,000 assured from five special subscriptions of \$2,000 now under way, the grand total is \$123,400.08.

America's first reconstruction hospital will be built in Boston by the Order of Elks. The Elks' War Relief Commission, at a meeting in Washington on November 8th, announced that the Government had agreed to accept the hospital. The institution will cost \$250,000 and will be erected on Parker Hill. It will consist of a complete unit of twin ward hospital buildings, vocational workshops, barracks, mess hall and post exchange, and is to be a standard for similar hospitals. Part of the \$1,000,000 relief fund contributed by the 500,000 Elks of the country will be used.

The American Review of Tuberculosis is the only strictly medical journal on tuberculosis published on the American continent. Through its articles and abstracts it brings practically the entire medical field of tuberculosis literature under one cover in concise, readable form.

We regret to announce the death, on November 4th, of Sir D. C. McVail, at his residence in Glasgow, Scotland. Though in his 73th year, the war brought him back to active hospital work, and he was attached to two war hospitals. He rejoiced in being able to do such work, but it was a severe strain upon his strength. He continued to work while suffering from a cold, which was followed by pneumonia, to which cause his death was due.

Representatives of the Departments of Health and Charities of the city of Philadelphia met on November 12th to discuss the advisability of making the so-called social diseases reportable. It was the consensus of opinion of those present that the proposed plan should be put into effect. The Health Department will take steps to make these diseases reportable in the near future.

Dr. Franklin P. Mall, professor of anatomy at Johns Hopkins University, died November 17th. He was born in Iowa in 1862 and was graduated in medicine from the University of Michigan in 1883. He studied later in Leipsic, Heidelberg and the Johns Hopkins University, where he was appointed an instructor in pathology in 1888. In 1889 he went to Clark University, at Worcester, Mass., as professor of vertebrate anatomy, remaining until 1892, when he went to the University of Chicago as professor of anatomy, but returned to Baltimore to take the chair of anatomy in Johns Hopkins in 1893. In 1915 he was appointed