

ACCORDING to the *British Medical Journal* in 1861 the total number of medical practitioners in Italy was 18,947, the proportion to population being 8.8 per 10,000. In 1881 it was 18,950, or 6.6 per 10,000. In 1901 it was 22,168, or 6.8 per 10,000. The distribution of practitioners is somewhat unequal, the proportion being higher in the south (7.7 per 10,000) than in the north (6.1 per 10,000). In the province of Udine the proportion is lower than anywhere else in Italy, there being only one practitioner to 2,831 inhabitants; in that of Naples it is highest, there being two doctors to 732 inhabitants.

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DR. BROWN AYRES on April 25 was inaugurated as president of the University of Tennessee. Senator James B. Frazier presided. The welcome to Dr. Ayres for the colleges of the east was delivered by Dr. J. S. Ames, professor of physics at the Johns Hopkins University; on behalf of the colleges of the west, by President George E. McLean, of the University of Iowa, and on behalf of the southern colleges, by Chancellor R. B. Fulton, of the University of Mississippi. Following Dr. Ayres's inaugural address Dr. Charles Dabney, president of the University of Cincinnati, who was the immediate predecessor of Dr. Ayres at Tennessee, delivered an address. Dr. Ayres came to the University of Tennessee from Tulane University, where he was professor of physics. At the inaugural exercises a gift was announced from Mr. Andrew Carnegie of \$40,000 for a library building, conditioned upon the securing an equal amount as an endowment; and a gift of \$7,600 from Mr. John L. Rhea, the income to be used in the interests of the engineering departments.

AFTER a long contest in the courts the will of Henry C. Peabody, inventor of the rifle bearing his name, has been affirmed. This was partly the result of a compromise, by which an additional \$20,000 goes to the heirs. About \$350,000 will be used for the establishment of an industrial school for girls at Northwood, Mass.

THE legislature of Tennessee, in passing a bill appropriating \$25,000 a year for ten years for the Peabody Normal College, at Nashville, has assured the reception by that institution of \$1,000,000 from the division of the Peabody Fund.

PRESIDENT SCHURMAN, of Cornell University, has received \$1,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit S. Miller, of Peterboro, N. Y., for the foundation of a free book fund in memory of William C. Seidell, who worked his way through the university and graduated in 1904.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, Sheffield, is to be given a charter as the University of Sheffield. The city will contribute about \$40,000 annually to its support. The present college buildings, which are not united on a single site, are to be vacated shortly for handsome new buildings on a site adjoining one of the public parks of Sheffield, now within a few months of completion.

A SUMMER school will be held at the University of Colorado, Boulder, from June 17 to July 26. Courses in science are as follows: chemistry, physics, geology, psychology and botany. The work will be given by the regular professors of the university.

PROFESSOR R. B. C. JOHNSON (philosophy) and C. H. McIlwain (history) have resigned from Miami University to accept preceptorships at Princeton University.

At the recent annual meeting of the regents of the University of Nebraska Dr. F. D. Heald, adjunct professor of plant physiology, was elected botanist of the Agricultural Experiment Station, and associate professor of botany in the University School of Agriculture. Appropriations were made for equipping his laboratories in the new Agricultural Hall on the station farm. At the same meeting Dr. F. E. Clements, assistant professor of botany, was promoted to be associate professor of plant physiology.

DR. ALFRED HETTNER, associate professor of geography at Heidelberg, has declined a call to a professorship at Breslau.

DR. PAUL GRUBE has resigned the chair of physics in the University of Giessen.