prove the premises, the Board of Health, at its last meeting, very properly ordered the school to be at once closed.

P. B. P.

NECROLOGY.

DR. STEPHENS G. COWDRY, Surgeon U. S. A., died in New York City Feb. 22, aged 52 years. He was a native of New Hampshire, and appointed from New York in 1868. He had been on sick furlough since last December, having left his post at Santa Fé at that time in order to consult with friends, medical and others, in the East, in the interests of his health. The cause of his death is assigned to heart-failure.

DR. JOHN A. MEAD, of Pearlington, Miss., died at the Hospital Hotel Dieu, New Orleans, La., on January 30, 1891. He was born in Portland, Me., July 16, 1842, educated at Harvard Medical School, Boston, and graduated June 30, 1869. He had been a sufferer from abscess of the liver, but finally succumbed to an attack of bronchial pneumonia. He was a member of the American Medical Association since 1885.

DR. FORREST W. BRAYTON.—The sad news is announced of the sudden death, in Cincinnati, of Dr. Forrest W. Brayton. In January, 1890, Dr. Brayton went to Toledo and associated himself with Dr. W. W. Jones, in the practice of medicine, and at once became a favorite with all with whom he came in contact. He was successful from the beginning, and had an extremely bright future before him. But sickness came, and some months ago he was obliged to give up his work. Since then he has been traveling, trying to regain his lost health, but without avail; death came and ended his career, so auspiciously begun.

Dr. Brayton was only 34 years of age, his home being in Carey, Ohio. He was a member of the Northwestern Ohio Medical Association, of which he was at one time Vice-President, and later Secretary. He was also a member of the Ohio State Medical Society, of the American Medical Association, of the American Microscopical Society, and of the Toledo Medical Association.

JOHN S. MESSERSMITH, Medical Director U. S. N., retired, died at Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 16, aged 81 years. He was commissioned by President Andrew Jackson in 1837, and served in Commodore Perry's first expedition to Japan, as well as during the Mexican and Civil wars. He was retired in 1872.

DR. MARIUS DUVAL, Medical Director of the U. S. Navy, with rank of Commodore, retired, died suddenly on February 21 at his home in Baltimore. He was nearly 73 years of age.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor:—It affords me much pleasure to inform you that our bill repealing the charter of the Medical and Surgical College of this State has been passed by the Legislature and approved by Governor Abbett. It is hardly necessary for me to say that this Board feels that it has, in the first year of its existence, done something towards the purification of the medical profession, not only in the State of New Jersey, but in its sister States.

WM. PERRY WATSON,

Sec'y State Board of Medical Examiners.
Jersey City, N. J., March 11, 1891.

Shall The Journal be Removed to Washington?

THE ACTION OF THE CHATTANOOGA MEDICAL SOCIETY.

At a regular meeting of the Chattanooga (Tenn.) Medical Society, March 6, 1891, the following resolution was passed, viz.:

WHEREAS, An effort will be made at the next meeting of the American Medical Association to move THE JOURNAL from Chicago to Washington, and

WHEREAS, We believe it to be for the best interests of THE JOURNAL to remain where it is: Therefore,

Be it Resolved, That we urge all Tennessee delegates to vote for no change to be made in the home of THE JOURNAL.

FRED. B. STOPP, M.D., Sec'y.

THE ACTION OF THE WAYNE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY.

At a regular meeting of the Wayne County (Ind.) Medical Society, held on the 12th inst., Dr. L. C. Johnson moved:

That it is the sense of this Society that the office of THE JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ought not to be removed from Chicago to Washington at this time, and that the delegates from this Society to the next meeting of the American Medical Association are hereby instructed to vote against such removal.

After full interchange of views of members on the subject the motion was unanimously adopted.

G. H. GRANT, M.D.,

Sec'y Wayne Co. Med. Society.
Richmond, Ind., March 13, 1891.

To the Editor:—I am most unalterably opposed to the proposed change.

It is very evident that the movement for the change from Chicago to Washington has had its origin in the minds of some, who are very reluctant to admit the fact which should be plainly apparent to all, that not only the centre of population but the financial and intellectual centres are surely moving westward. Nothing worthy the name of argument has as yet been advanced in favor of it, neither can there be, for there is none to offer.

Some of the reflections which have recently been cast upon the management of THE JOURNAL, and upon the character of its contents, have been, to say the very least, uncalled for and out of place. The profession as a whole is not only well pleased with THE JOURNAL, but is proud of it, and in my judgment with the best of reasons. I turn to my old volumes of the London *Lancet*, the *American Journal of Medical Sciences*, and others, and search in vain for anything so nearly representing and embodying advanced thought and progress in all departments of the profession.

No! Leave it where it is, in Chicago, the eighth wonder of the world, destined to be, within the lifetime of thousands now living, the greatest city upon the Continent. I would leave it in Chicago also because its great and growing success has already been achieved there, and that city is the home of many of its best and earliest friends, one in particular, whose name I need not mention. There are no end of arguments that could be