

medical club at its fifteenth annual meeting in Hanover elected the following officers: president, Dr. John W. Staples, Franklin; vice-president, Dr. Clifton S. Abbott, Laconia, and secretary-treasurer, Dr. Frank E. Kittredge, Nashua.

NEW JERSEY

New Infirmary.—Princeton University is soon to have a larger and more complete infirmary. The endowment fund for the building amounting to about \$100,000, has been raised by the Women's Auxiliary Society of Princeton.

Medical League Meeting.—The Newark Medical League held its annual banquet, January 26, at which 116 were present. Dr. William J. Robinson, New York City, read a paper on "The Improvement of the Human Race." Dr. David A. Kraker acted as toastmaster and the following officers were elected: president, Dr. Louis Weiss; vice-president, Dr. Edwin Steiner; secretary, Dr. Abraham Finkelstein, and Treasurer, Dr. Louis L. Davidson.

Election.—Orange County Medical Society held its annual meeting January 20, in the William Pierson Medical Laboratory, Orange. Dr. Richard D. Freeman, South Orange, was elected president; Dr. Levi W. Halsey, Montclair, vice-president; Dr. Henry A. Pulsford, South Orange, secretary; Dr. J. Minor Maghee, West Orange, treasurer; Dr. Charles W. Banks, East Orange, reporter, and Drs. Richard P. Francis and Richard C. Newton, Montclair, and Dr. William H. Lawrence, Summit, censors.

NEW YORK

Crippled Children.—The tenth annual report of the board of managers of the New York State Hospital for the Care of Crippled and Deformed Children, West Haverstraw, states that out of eighty patients treated, thirty-three were discharged. There was a far larger number of applicants than could be accommodated, and plans for a new and more extensive hospital have been prepared and it is stated that work on the structure will be begun immediately.

Wins Test Case.—In the case of the Hempstead town board of health against Dr. A. Ferree Witmer, Freeport, charged with failure to record a certificate of birth within thirty-six hours, as provided by ordinance, the judge rendered a decision for the defendant on the grounds that the ordinance naming the fine was not specific. Dr. Witmer made this a test case on the grounds that the ordinance was too broad and also that the penalty provided was not less than \$10 and not more than \$25.

Proposed Legislative Measures.—A resolution asking for the appointment of a commission to investigate tuberculosis conditions in the state and to devise remedial legislation has been prepared for presentation to the legislature. Another resolution proposes the erection of a state hospital for the treatment of tuberculosis in the Adirondacks, through an amendment to the constitution authorizing the legislature to set apart an area of a thousand acres or less in the Adirondack State Park for hospital purposes.

To Check Insanity.—The annual report of the State Commission in Lunacy, recently transmitted to the legislature, states that the number of insane in the state on Sept. 30, 1910, was 32,658. The number in state hospitals was 31,606; in licensed private institutions, 1,952, and in Matteawan and Danemora, institutions for the insane criminal, 1,101. The total number of patients received during the year was 7,063, a net increase of 1,119. The report states that addresses on the prevention of insanity will be made in the Academy of Medicine, New York City, and later in many parts of the state, to be followed by a series of public lectures illustrated by moving pictures depicting life of the insane in the modern hospital and the remedial measures employed. Pamphlets informing the public of the avoidable causes of insanity will be issued for distribution to high school and college students, church organizations and philanthropic associations throughout the state.

New York City

Personal.—Dr. Charles H. May has been appointed consulting ophthalmologist for the fourth division of Bellevue Hospital. —Dr. Charles L. Vaux, Central Islip, has been appointed second assistant physician at the State Hospital, in that place.

Bequests.—Among the many bequests mentioned in the will of the late Mrs. Emily H. Moir, are the following to hospitals: New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, \$20,000; Lying-In Hospital, \$10,000; Hospital for Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria, \$10,000; Baby's Hospital of the City of New York, \$10,000; Presbyterian Hospital, \$20,000; Northern Dispensary, \$5,000, and Nursery and Child's Hospital, \$5,000.

Report of Beth Israel Hospital.—At the annual meeting of the Beth Israel Hospital Association the report showed that 4,754 persons had applied for treatment during the year of whom 1,317 were rejected for lack of room. Of the patients treated more than 94 per cent. were treated as charity cases. The report emphasizes the need of a larger building and efforts will be made to find a site for a new building. The total subscriptions to the building fund now amount to \$188,609.

The Deaths of 1910.—During the year 76,742 deaths were recorded, equivalent to a death-rate of 15.98 per 1,000, a little lower than that of 1909, and the lowest rate ever on record in the city. If the average death-rate which had prevailed during the previous decade had continued during 1910, there would have been 13,076 more deaths in the latter year than were recorded. All the causes of death amenable to sanitary control show decreases. Most prominent among these may be named tuberculosis, 1,840; diarrheal diseases, 1,151; diphtheria, 608; typhoid fever, 258; whooping-cough, 167; measles, 165; malarial fever, 93; small-pox, 89, and scarlet fever, 32. Among other prominent death causes which showed decreases were: apoplexy, 1,974 (this is probably due to more accurate certification); pneumonia, 2,203; bronchitis, 850; nephritis, 1,317; accidents, 773, and suicide, 153. Those diseases showing increases were cancer, 230; organic heart disease, 93; cirrhosis of the liver, 25; appendicitis, 23, and homicide, 63.

Pasteurization and Grading of Milk.—The department of health, at its meeting, January 31, adopted resolutions relative to the pasteurization and grading of milk which provide that all milk and cream offered for sale in the city, except that used for manufacturing or cooking purposes, must be of the grade technically recognized by the board of health as certified or guaranteed milk or must be pasteurized under the conditions prescribed by the board. Grade A, for infants and children, is to be sold in bottles, only. This includes certified milk, guaranteed milk or milk pasteurized under special regulations. Grade B, milk safe for adults, to be sold in bottles or drawn from containers, not dipped. This includes Grade A, and pasteurized milk produced under the regulations of the department. Grade C, milk suitable for cooking and baking purposes to be sold from bottles or from cans. This includes all milk complying with the general regulations of the department, but not complying with the regulations made for A and B. No one should use milk inferior to Grade A for feeding an infant or child. Every person purchasing milk for drinking purposes is entitled to receive milk not inferior to Grade B. The efforts of the department of health in the supervision of milk should be especially concentrated on Grades A and B.

Hospital News.—At the fifty-eighth annual meeting of the Mount Sinai Hospital Association it was reported that the deficit had been reduced to \$10,803. Legacies and bequests received during the last year amounted to \$73,762 and \$52,000 was received for the establishment of beds. The hospital has taken the initiative in planning an association of children's clinics throughout the city, and Adolph Lewisohn has promised \$130,000 additional, making \$200,000 in all, for the erection of a larger building for the accommodation of the pathologic department. —At the annual meeting of the officers of Stony Wold Sanitarium, which cares for cases of incipient tuberculosis, it was reported that 144 new patients had been admitted during the year. More than two-thirds of the patients have been discharged as cured since the sanitarium opened and these have been followed and report that they are as well as when they left the institution. The sanitarium has a deficit for the last four years of \$20,000. —Between \$11,000 and \$12,000, was realized from the performance of "Romeo and Juliet" at the Metropolitan Opera House for the benefit of the French Hospital. —The twenty-first German Charity Ball netted \$10,000, which will go toward the support of ten different German charitable and philanthropic institutions. —The Norwegian Hospital of Brooklyn has received \$15,000 from Jens Skougard, formerly president and treasurer of the board of managers of this hospital. The money will be added to the endowment fund of the hospital which now amounts to \$25,000.

TENNESSEE

Small-Pox at State Prison.—Seven cases of small-pox are reported at the state penitentiary, Nashville. All possible precautions are being taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

Personal.—Dr. Peter S. Hagar has been elected city prescriptionist of Nashville, vice Dr. John G. Buford, deceased. —Dr. Cary Snoddy has been reelected Superintendent of Knoxville General Hospital; Dr. Samuel H. Hodge has been