

elected member of the visiting and consulting staff, and Dr. V. D. Holloway, pathologist.—Dr. Ambrose McCoy, Jackson, has been appointed a member of the State Board of Medical Examiners.

Society Elections.—The Chattanooga and Hamilton County Medical Society, at its annual meeting in Chattanooga, elected the following officers: president, Dr. James H. Atlee; vice-president, Dr. Frank T. Smith; secretary-treasurer, Dr. Hiller P. Larimore (reelected), and censor, Dr. Samuel I. Yarnell, all of Chattanooga.—Sumner County Medical Society has elected the following officers: president, Dr. William T. Allen, Gallatin; vice-president, Dr. Bruce S. Galbraith, and secretary-treasurer, Dr. Walter S. Dotson, Gallatin.—At the annual meeting of the Memphis and Shelby County Medical Society held in Memphis, Dr. W. Battle Malone was elected president; Dr. J. Wesley Price, vice-president and Dr. Buford N. Dunavant was reelected secretary, all of Memphis.

TEXAS

On Trial for Selling Diplomas.—Dr. J. W. Decker, dean of the Gate City Medical College, which now has its headquarters at Dallas, Texas, is reported to be on trial in the federal court of Dallas, on the charge of using the mails to defraud. Mr. J. N. Wilkerson, the attorney for the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners, is said to have succeeded in securing a medical diploma within thirty minutes after he made application for it.

Society Meetings.—The Matagorda County Medical Association, at its meeting in Bay City, January 16, elected Dr. Edward E. Scott, president; Dr. J. W. Reed, vice-president; Dr. James E. Simons, secretary, and Drs. Baxter Smith and Stephen A. Foote, delegates to the state association, all of Bay City.—At the annual meeting of the Galveston County Medical Society, held in Galveston, January 12, Dr. Howard R. Dudgeon was elected president; Dr. H. O. Sappington, vice-president; Dr. James Greenwood, Jr., secretary-treasurer, and Dr. Ashley W. Fly, delegate to the state medical association, and Dr. Henry C. Hayden, alternate, all of Galveston.—At the meeting of the Port Arthur Medical Society, January 9, Dr. L. F. Bland resigned as secretary and was succeeded by Dr. Pat Reed.—Lemar County Medical Society, at its annual meeting in Paris, January 7, elected the following officers: Dr. John B. Chapman, president, Dr. Andrew J. Rush, vice-president; Dr. James M. Hooks, secretary and delegate to the state association, all of Paris, and Drs. John D. McMillan, Paris, L. B. Stephens, Brookston, and Marcellus A. Walker, Paris, censors.—At a recent meeting of the health officers of Texas in Houston, the Texas Tropical Disease Research Society was organized with about 125 members. The following officers were elected: president, Dr. William M. Brumby, San Antonio; vice-presidents, Dr. Charles A. R. Campbell, San Antonio, and Charles L. King, Whitesboro, and secretary-treasurer, Dr. E. H. Lancaster, Houston.—At the annual meeting of the Central Texas Medical Association, held in Temple, January 16 and 17, Dr. Walter H. Allen, Marlin, was elected president, and Dr. Howard M. Lanham, Waco, secretary-treasurer.—The North Texas Medical Association, at its annual meeting held in Dallas, elected the following officers: president, Dr. Carey A. Gray, Bonham; vice-presidents, Drs. William G. Harria, Plano, and K. Herberden Beall, Fort Worth; secretary-treasurer, Dr. H. Leslie Moore, and Drs. John B. Smoot, Dallas, and Dr. S. D. Moore, Van Alstyne, judicial council.—At the annual meeting of the Seventh District Medical Society held in Austin, the following officers were elected: president, Dr. Thomas J. Bennett, Austin; secretary, Dr. Lewis B. Bibb, Austin, and censors, Drs. James H. White, Kile, and James W. McLaughlin and Robert M. Wickline, Austin.—Hunt County Medical Society has elected the following officers: president, Dr. Edwin P. Beeton; vice-president, Dr. Thomas B. Spaulding; secretary-treasurer, Dr. John A. Bush, and censor, Dr. Milus L. Moody, all of Greenville.—At the annual meeting of the Bell County Medical Society, held in Temple, Dr. Ambrose B. Crain, Belton, was elected president; Dr. S. A. Watts, Pendleton, vice-president; Dr. Edward J. Burns, Temple, secretary-treasurer; Dr. Jacob M. Frazier, Belton, censor, and Dr. Milton P. McElhannon, Belton, alternate delegate to the state society.

GENERAL NEWS

Tri-State Physicians Meeting.—The thirteenth annual session of the Tri-State Medical Association of the Carolinas and Virginia will be held in Raleigh, February 22 and 23 under the presidency of Dr. Joseph A. White, Richmond, Va.

Tuberculosis Day.—April 30 has been set aside as Tuberculosis Day and will be observed in 200,000 churches in the

country in a manner similar to that of Tuberculosis Sunday in 1910. The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis asks that meetings, at which the study of tuberculosis and its prevention can be discussed, be held on Sunday, April 30, or near that date, so that the whole matter can be discussed throughout the United States at as near the same time as possible.

The Golubinin and Sirotnin Festschriften.—The issue of the *Medizinskoje Obozryenie*, just received (No. 20), is a special number of 163 pages in honor of the professor of materia medica at the university of Moscow, L. E. Golubinin, president of the Moscow Medical Society. The *Russkiy Vrach* of the same date is also a *Festsnummer* in honor of V. Sirotnin, professor of internal diseases at St. Petersburg. Among the many articles, Tchernorutzki reports that he found the Mandelbaum reaction positive in 100 per cent. of over a hundred cases of typhoid fever, and regards it as a valuable simple means for rapid differentiation of typhoid. (The technic was described in THE JOURNAL, March 5, 1910, page 827.)

Alcohol Literature Given Libraries.—Mr. A. D. Ellis of East Syracuse, N. Y., a business man of some means, has recently sent to every medical library in the United States and Canada a copy of the book, "Alcohol, a Dangerous and Unnecessary Medicine," by Mrs. Martha M. Allen, superintendent of medical temperance for the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union. The book was reviewed in THE JOURNAL some months ago and recommended to the respectful consideration of physicians, and this fact led Mr. Ellis to think it would be a good thing to present the book to medical libraries. He was greatly gratified at receiving some very warm letters of thanks for the gift, and kindly commendations of the book. He is now considering sending a copy to all the nurses' training schools. The book is largely a compilation of the writings of successful physicians who use little or no alcoholic liquors in their practice.

Health Crusade.—Mrs. S. S. Crockett, chairman of the Health Department of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, in a New Year's message, asks that every club in the general federation and the forty-five state federations, during the first month of the new year, hold a war council of all departments or committees and discover what every section or part of every club throughout the country may contribute toward the nation-wide health campaign instructed by the last general federation at its meeting in Cincinnati. Mrs. Crockett also asks for four successive advances on health enemies all along the line through a series of short term campaigns as follows: February—"The Common Drinking Cup." March—"The Typhoid Fly." April—"Oral Hygiene." and May—"Social Hygiene." Special tuberculosis campaigning will also be continued. The campaign headquarters for two years are at 710 Belmont Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.

Joint Conference on Education and Legislation.—The Seventh Annual Conference on Medical Education and Legislation, called by the Council on Medical Education and the Council on Health and Public Instruction of the American Medical Association, will be held at the Congress Hotel, Chicago, March 1-3, 1911. Speakers of national reputation will be present and an interesting session is expected. The first day will be given to addresses and reports on medical education; the second to a discussion of medical practice acts and the third day will be taken up by a conference on medical legislation. A program will be sent on application. Since two other educational agencies, namely, the Association of American Medical Colleges and the National Confederation of State Medical Examining and Licensing Boards are to hold their annual sessions in Chicago during the same week, an unusually large attendance of those interested in medical education and medical legislation is expected.

Warning Against Easy-Money Swindlers.—Several correspondents have written from Iowa recently regarding the Medical and Surgical Exchange Bureau, 1315 Capitol Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, stating that an individual, calling himself A. W. Orris, has called on them alleging to represent the above bureau, and has offered to take their old medical books and give new books in exchange. On going over the list, the balance is always in favor of the agent, who requests and obtains a deposit, and this is stated to be the last heard of the agent. On investigation, they found that no such corporation or individual lived at the address given in Des Moines or had had an office at that address. Orris is said to be a man of about 60, with a black mustache, about 5 feet 10 inches in height, weighing about 180 pounds. He is said to be rather nervous and hurried in his manner, but to have good knowledge of medical books, and to carry with him a number of medical book cat-