this type of work has developed no one appears to know.

Special studies might be made of school health service which would include the subjects suggested above; or a special effort might be made to have these subjects dealt with when later investigations of municipal health department practice and studies of rural health work are conducted.

16. *The Extent of Private Medical Service on a Yearly Basis.*—Reports have come into print of a few isolated instances in which single patients or groups of patients have employed individual practitioners, on a yearly basis, to supervise their health and treat sickness when necessary. A systematic study in this field might show that greater developments have taken place than have become generally known.

A writer in the *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal* has suggested that a community of 900 families might advantageously be provided with service on a yearly basis by the employment of three physicians at $8000 per year with an expense budget of $11,000, making a total of $35,000. He estimated that 100 families might properly pay $75 a year, 300 families $50 per year, and 500 families $25 per year. Thus the combined income from these sources would equal the total expense. There is a possibility that some time in the future a small community might be persuaded to inaugurate a system of community medical service on the general basis suggested above. A demonstration of this kind would be most illuminating.

The questionnaire method and field work might both be required in conducting this study.

17. *Existing Types of Health Insurance in the United States.*—The scope and cost of protection provided by life insurance companies, mutual benefit associations, fraternal orders and labor unions would be dealt with in this study. Special attention might be given to the subject of group health insurance.

This study might be made in connection with a study of labor legislation in the United States, which is being planned by the Social Science Research Council.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO *

EXCERPTS FROM OUR STATE MEDICAL JOURNAL

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From some editorial notes:

Initial Publication.—A number of papers read at Santa Barbara have appeared in other publications without the consent of the Publication Committee, or have been read before county society meetings. This action on the part of authors is, to say the least, scarcely treating the committee with the courtesy it has a right to expect. . . .

. . . Medical Societies and Public Press.—An admirable idea seems to have been born into the world by the New Castle County Medical Society of Delaware. It is no less than a plan for presenting things medical to the public in a truly ethical and professional manner. Statements which it may be desired to have placed before the public in the lay press are to be prepared and signed by a "press committee," and thus the personal advertising of the author prevented. . . .

. . . Secretaries Should Assist. — Another appeal must be made to the secretaries of county societies to send in for publication in the state journal abstract reports of the proceedings of their meetings, and personal mention of their members. . . .

. . . Santa Clara Resolutions.—The Board of Medical Examiners stands between the public and the charlatan, and is the only protection given the public by the state against the unscrupulous greed, fraud and dishonesty of the quack and the "healer." Either an attack upon the board is justified, or it is not; if the former, then action cannot be taken too quickly; if the latter, then every reputable physician of the state should come to the support of the board and see to it that the law is carried out. . . .

. . . Final Judges of Success.—Who is the final judge of the success or failure of a given surgical procedure? This question has been suggested by a discussion at a recent meeting of a medical society. In this discussion the physicians spoke on the pathological side of the question. Admitting the improvement of the patient after the operation, they asked if it were due really to the operation that had been done, and if it were due to this, did the success come in accordance with the idea on which the operation was based or because of other conditions not taken count of by this idea? . . .

From an article on the Climate of Santa Barbara by C. M. Richter, M. D., San Francisco:

. . . It is quite an easy matter to write an article on climate, or on the climate of a certain locality by enumerating the figures of the different climatic elements, and furnishing comparisons of these figures with those of other localities. However, if one undertakes to scrutinize and to explain in detail the advantages or disadvantages which certain climatic factors in a given locality exercise on people living there, one will find this to be quite another matter. . . .

From an article on Headache as a Symptom by H. Bert. Ellis, M. D., Los Angeles:

. . . I believe that the eye is a factoral element in fully 60 per cent of all headaches, and that it is the chief factor in about 80 per cent of all headaches of the frontotemporal variety. How do we recognize eye headaches? There are several factors to be taken into consideration: First, the occupation of the individual; second, the time of day or night when the headache makes its appearance; third, the location of the discomfort; and, fourth, the character of the pain. . . .

From the Minutes of the San Francisco County Medical Society:

. . . To San Francisco County Medical Society: Your committee on memoriam to the late Dr. Matthew Gardner respectfully reports as follows:

. . . Though the inception of his professional career was as an obscure and comparatively unknown rural physician, he soon rose to eminence and distinction, and even before he had attained the full bloom of middle age he became the chief surgeon of the Hospital Association of the Southern Pacific Company.

The responsibilities of such a position require tact, energy, medical ability and surgical skill, together with executive capacity. Nature seemed to have endowed Doctor Gardner with all these qualities. . . .

W. B. Coffey, Chairman Committee on Resolutions.

From article on Board of Medical Examiners:

. . . To the President and Members of the Santa Clara County Medical Society: After a careful investigation of those matters submitted to it, relative to the suit begun to oust the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of California, your committee appointed at the July meeting to inquire into the causes leading to this action, if any there be, beg leave to report its finding as follows:

From some personal items:

. . . The Lane Course of Lectures at Cooper College, August 24-28, were delivered this year by Dr. Oscar H. Allis of Philadelphia, the general subject being "Fractures and Dislocations." . . .

. . . Dr. Walter B. Coffey, president; Dr. M. Morrison and Doctor McKenzie, vice-presidents; Dr. James T. Dunn, secretary, and Dr. F. K. Ainsworth, treasurer, have been elected the officers of the newly organized Railway Surgeons Association of the Pacific Coast.

* This column aims to mirror the work and aims of colleagues who bore the brunt of state society work some twenty-five years ago. It is hoped that such presentation will be of interest to both old and recent members.