

permit issued before the body may be buried. Similar certificates are supposed to be sent to the Registrar, but that this is not regularly done is shown by the fact that he sometimes has to call on the Board of Health to secure information he needs. No attempt is made by the Registrar to tabulate, arrange or even count the records, and all that could be learned was that there were about 1,200 births, 500 marriages and 900 deaths reported per year.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

GENERAL.—Typhoid fever, scarlet fever and diphtheria are believed to be well reported in the City. A careful investigation is made of each case and the quarantine required by law is enforced. The first of these diseases is taken into the General Hospital and the other two into a so-called Epidemic Hospital under the same control. It is estimated that about fifty per cent of such cases receive hospital treatment here. No widespread epidemic of any of these diseases has occurred for a number of years.

TUBERCULOSIS.—The work of the St. John Association for Prevention of Tuberculosis appears to be well planned and thoroughly carried out. The money for the annual expenditure of about \$1,500 is obtained from three sources: The City Government \$500, the Board of Health \$300, and private subscriptions the remainder. The nurse is trained and has had previous experience with tuberculosis. Her duties consist in visiting cases in their homes, following up the physician's orders, and giving instructions and advice. A dispensary is in operation three hours a week with a paid physician in attendance. Monthly examinations are also made for admission to the County and Provincial Hospital. Free treatment is given in the dispensary and it is very certain that much excellent work is done. Good co-operation is said to exist between the Board of Health and the Association, and the Chief Officer of Health is a member. The nurse calls up the Board Office daily and makes monthly reports in writing.