

BACTERIOLOGISTS MEET.—There was lately held in New York city a convention of bacteriologists from all parts of America. The object of the meeting was the devising of means whereby the work of all the different laboratories of the country might conform to certain standards, in order that results may be properly comparable. Variations in materials and in technique render it difficult at the present time to make comparisons of work which shall be of much value. To the American Association of Health Officers is due the credit of bringing about the convention. The chair was occupied by Prof. Welch, of Johns Hopkins University. Among those present were Dr. Smart, Surgeon-General's Department, Washington; Prof. Sedgwick, Boston; Dr.

Theobald Smith, Boston; Mr. Geo. Fuller, Lawrence, Mass.; Dr. Prudden, N.Y.; Dr. Abbott, Philadelphia; Dr. Kinyon, Prof. Adams, and Dr. Wyatt Johnston, Montreal; Mr. J. J. McKenzie and Dr. J. Caven, Toronto.

EH—WHAT'S THIS?—The *Boston Traveler* says: "A butterfly was caught at the South End yesterday." It may be safe enough to catch a butterfly at the south end, but when you go to grab a wasp you want to catch it at the northeasterly end, shifting westerly towards the head.—*Scottish American*.

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