

diseases, while the infant mortality rate remains abnormally high.

A total number of 522 deaaths was recorded last month, as compared with 561 in January, and 478 in February, 1911. When allowance is made for the increase in population, the figures are found to indicate slight decrease in mortality. The number of deaths from tuberculosis was 37, as compared with 25 during the corresponding month last year. The report says, "the tuberculosis figures show a considerable increase over that of last year, a condition that of late has come to be regarded as quite unusual."

The mortality from pneumonia is less than that of February, 1912, and January, 1913, but it is still alarmingly high when it is known that the disease is to a great extent preventable. In all 91 persons died from pneumonia or broncho-pneumonia. A marked increase is again shown in the number of deaths from cancer, but the bulletin states that the mortality increases are due rather to the abnormally low number of deaths last year than to an increased prevalence of the disease.

HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.

A press item under the date of Feb. 10 summarizes as follows the work now in progress in New York for the improvement of hospital buildings in that city:

"Hospital improvements to the value of more than \$21,000,000 are either being carried forward in this city or are planned for the immediate future. They consist of new buildings, reconstruction and betterment of equipment of both public and private hospitals. The most costly and elaborate work is the rebuilding of Bellevue and the increase of the capacity of its allied hospital in Harlem. The present capacity is 1,290 beds. The new hospital will accommodate 2,500.

"At Harlem a new wing is being added, which will double the present capacity of 180 beds. The cost is to be about \$250,000. The entire cost of all the Bellevue plans is estimated at \$10,000,000.

"The directors of the New York Hospital are planning an entirely new building. It is intended to erect a building with the most modern equipment, with an ultimate capacity of 600 beds. The capacity of the present hospital is 260 beds. It is estimated that the new hospital and site will cost between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000.

"Other improvements are under way for the Greenpoint Hospital, which is expected to do voluable work, is under construction by the Volunteers of America at Beekman and Water Streets,"—*Boston Med. and Surg. Journal*.