

knowledge of the methods of infection outside the individual—and to accomplish this, let me urge the Provincial Board of Health to read the following paragraph:

#### INFANTILE PARALYSIS.

At the Congress of American Physicians and Surgeons held at Washington in May last, the subject of epidemic poliomyelitis was discussed at a joint meeting of the American Orthopedic and American Pediatric Societies. The following resolution was adopted: "It having been shown by recent epidemics and investigations connected with the same that epidemic infantile spinal paralysis is an infectious communicable disease that has a mortality of from 5 to 20 per cent., and that 75 per cent. or more of the patients surviving are permanently crippled. State boards of health and other health authorities are urged to adopt the same or similar measures as are already adopted and enforced in Massachusetts for ascertaining the modes of origin and manner of distribution of the disease with a view of controlling and limiting the spread of so serious an affection." A committee, with Dr. Robert W. Lovett, of Boston, Massachusetts, as President, and Dr. Irving M. Snow, of Buffalo, New York, as Secretary, was appointed to urge the various State and municipal health authorities to take up the work of investigation of the various foci of epidemic poliomyelitis, to study its epidemiology, and to instruct the public that the disease is at least mildly communicable.

*Academy of Medicine "Wake Up."*

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