

Dr. H. O. Hitchcock, President, presented his annual address on "The Laws of Heredity in their Relation to Public Health, and to Legislation in the Interests of Public Health," after which Dr. R. C. Kedzie was elected President.

Dr. Arthur Hazlewood submitted a report concerning a suggestion by Dr. W. H. Rouse, of Detroit, that the State Board of Health and the State Agricultural College co-operate in the production of Bovine Virus. Dr. Hazlewood reported that a reliable article could now be obtained at a less cost than by the proposed method, from persons who make a specialty of its production. The report was adopted.

Rev. C. H. Brigham read an essay on "Recreations in their Influence on Health." He reviewed the popular games and exercises of the day, and said "that the best recreation is that which gives the most exhilaration of mind and body, with the greatest economy of time and strength, and with the least danger to life and limb."

Dr. Barker submitted a proposed circular of information on the "Restriction and Prevention of Scarlet Fever." It embodied carefully framed rules for the prevention of this dreaded disease, and directions for different methods of disinfection, &c. The subject has been under consideration during the past year, by members of the Board, particularly by Drs. Hazlewood and Baker. The document was adopted and 20,000 copies were ordered to be printed in pamphlet form, for distribution in this State. A circular to the correspondents of the board, asking for facts concerning scarlet fever was ordered printed.

The Secretary read a report from Dr. J. H. Beech, of Coldwater, who at the request of the Board, had made an investigation of cases of diphtheria at Union City. The number of interments from this disease in the cemetery of that village, between April 27, and October 31, 1876, was 20.

At the last meeting of the Board, Drs. Kedzie and Baker were appointed a Committee to take such steps as circumstances might require, to place before the Legislature any information in the possession of the Board regarding the working of the law for the inspection of illuminating oils, and to act for the Board in endeavouring to maintain the present standard of inspection, so far as regards the flash test—140° Fahrenheit. Dr. Kedzie re-

ported that he had labored hard in the performance of the above duty, had delivered an address upon the subject before the Legislature, and had several times met with the Committees on Public Health in the Senate and House, but in the Committee of the Whole in the House, the test had been reduced to 120° Fahrenheit. The subject was discussed, and there was a unanimous feeling that in the interests of public safety, the present flash test of 140° Fahrenheit, should be maintained. The Secretary was directed to send a respectful memorial to the Legislature, setting forth the views of the Board.

The Secretary submitted his quarterly report, which mentioned the distribution of meteorological instruments to observers in different parts of the State; books to the number of 123 had been received and placed in the library; diphtheria has been reported by a large number of correspondents in different parts of the State; 36 letters have been written to correspondents asking for details, and 28 replies received; letters had been written to, and replies received from correspondents, who reported erysipelas and puerperal fever at the same time and place. Letters had been written to, and valuable replies received from correspondents where scarlet fever had prevailed. About 1,600 copies of the last Annual Report had been distributed during the quarter, and the usual number of former reports and documents had been applied for and distributed. Among these applications were many from other states, and some from foreign countries. Thirty-three replies had been received from correspondents, relating to diseases in the State during 1876; 13 replies relating to water supply in various localities; 345 reports of local boards of health had been received, and the question was raised whether more vigorous action should not be taken to obtain more of these reports. About 70 reports of prevalent diseases are received each week from correspondents in different parts of the State. These reports are carefully read as received, and have been compiled for the months of October and November. Circulars have been issued to health officers of cities, urging them to report in accordance with law.

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Dr. Fisher, Health Officer, in his Annual Report for 1876, makes the statement:—"English sta-