

Editorial Notes

THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT

At a representative meeting of the British Medical Association held in London, Nov. 19th and 20th, the following resolution was passed by an overwhelming majority:

"That, in the opinion of this representative meeting, the regulations issued by the Insurance Commissioners and the latest proposals of the Chancellor of the Exchequer are unworkable and derogatory to the profession. As a consequence, the medical profession declines to undertake service under the Act and Regulations as at present constituted."

TUBERCULOSIS AND TELEPHONES

So far as is definitely known the tubercle bacillus has been recovered from a telephone swab but once. Prof. Klein found this in 1908 after examining a number of transmitters. In 1905 he had undertaken to conduct these investigations, but failed to find either the tuberculosis or diphtheria bacillus. Spirta recently confirmed these investigations, and although his experiments extended over a year, he did not recover the tubercle bacillus in one instance. Some instruments used were in a hospital for consumptives by patients actually suffering from the disease. Spirta concludes "that the transmission of tuberculosis through the medium of the telephone mouthpiece is practically impossible."

BANQUET TO DR. ADAM H. WRIGHT

Dr. Adam H. Wright, late professor of obstetrics in the Medical Faculty of the University of Toronto, was the guest of honor at a complimentary banquet in the York Club Friday evening, 30th November, tendered by his colleagues and friends, and he was the recipient of a sterling silver service presented by Dr. E. E. King on behalf of Dr. Wright's friends.

The large dining-room of the club was filled with many of the