

the previous year, when the rate was 18.19 per thousand. One death from yellow fever occurred during the year, the patient having arrived in Panama from Cartagena only two days before he was taken ill. With this exception no cases of yellow fever, plague, or smallpox occurred on the Isthmus during the entire year.—*Med. Rec.*

THE New York Polyclinic Medical School and Hospital gave a dinner at the Waldorf on March 11, at which plans for the new buildings now in course of construction were discussed. Dr. Robert C. Myles spoke of the new enterprise. Among the other speakers were Dr. John A. Wyeth, Dr. J. Riddle Goffe and Dr. Francis J. Quinlan.

MEDICAL INSPECTION IN VANCOUVER SCHOOLS.—The physical peculiarities and history in sickness and health of the whole of the eleven thousand children who attend the city schools is now known to the medical officer of the board.

During the present smallpox alarm for instance, he is aware what children have had the dread disease before and as those who have been previously afflicted are especially liable, the authorities can afford them greater protection. He knows what children are deficient in eyesight or in any other essential respect. The present weight and height of every pupil is known, and next year it will be possible to discover what physical progress the little men and women have made during the twelve months with the same degree of accuracy that the examinations make it possible for teachers to discern their mental growth.

An ingenious system of cards has rendered all this feasible.

Dr. Brydone-Jack this January introduced two kinds of cards. On one the parents record if the child has had any of the leading diseases or if there is any hereditary sickness, such as tuberculosis in the family. On the other is inscribed the result of the very thorough physical examination that the child undergoes on starting the term.

If it is found that the young scholar is suffering from some affection that treatment will arrest, Miss Breeze, the nurse, is dispatched to the home to persuade the parents to take the necessary steps to save more serious results.

Weigh scales have been ordered for all the schools, and the moment they arrive they will be installed. This will enable the principals to keep a very close tab on the development of their young proteges. In Great Britain and in some parts of the United States the physical side of the education of the children is now