

and concrete. The Board consists of three members, appointed by the Governor for a period of four years, and they elect a physician as executive officer, with the title of "State Health Officer." Diseases of human beings and of animals are considered, there being two veterinary and three medical assistants. There are also "county agents" in the principal counties. It maintains laboratories in Jacksonville, Tampa and Pensacola, and employs six medical bacteriologists and the necessary assistants.

In these laboratories "some twenty thousand examinations are made annually," including all the pathogenic organisms known to this climate.

Its present revenue, about \$75,000.00 per annum, is derived from direct taxation, one-half mill, an amount so small that the taxpayer does not feel it, but it is Florida's best investment.

UNCONSCIOUS CRIMINAL CARELESSNESS.

About two weeks previous to Thanksgiving a most estimable young lady, a teacher in a private graded school in a Southern city, noticed, one morning, that her throat felt sore. She continued her work of instructing children until school was dismissed for the day. Then she boarded a street car and went to another part of the city, where she consulted a physician. The character of the examination he made is not stated, but the diagnosis was diphtheria. He gave her his opinion and some prescriptions, and notified the Board of Health.

The young lady proceeded to a large and popular drug store and waited while the medicine was prepared. Doubtless the time was made pleasant by conversation with some of her friends. When all was ready she boarded a car and went to her home, where she found that the health officers had preceded her, and the house was already placarded.

How many unprotected persons, young and old, were thus exposed to the infection can

never be known, but thus far no epidemic of diphtheria has been reported from that city, so that possibly the diagnosis was erroneous, though the young lady was confined to the house for several weeks and complained of "feeling very weak." Praise is due the Board of Health for its prompt performance of duty.

It almost seems that as modern therapeutics has learned to conquer diphtheria, people have generally lost their fear of the disease and become almost criminally careless.

AN INDEX.

This Journal is preparing to supply its readers, next December, with a comprehensive Index to whatsoever may appear in its columns during the year 1913. So many have inquired why we do not provide such a convenience that the editors have determined to have one that will be all that it should be. Articles will be alphabetically listed by their titles, and the names and addresses of the authors will be appended. In another section of the Index the names of authors will appear in alphabetical order, and after each will be appended a list of his contributions during the year. Titles of editorials, names and dates of other journals quoted, and their subjects, will also appear. The Business Manager will select a suitable binder for the volume, which our subscribers can receive at cost.

WOMAN MEDICAL MISSIONARIES WANTED.

The Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions, 125 East Twenty-seventh Street, New York City, is sending out a call for women physicians to act as medical missionaries in the darkest regions of Korea, India, Asiatic Turkey and Asia-Minor. For most of the volunteers there stands ready some sort of a hospital and a school, through whose joint agency the dense superstitions may be penetrated and the seed sown that will bring benighted nations out of the darkness of barbarism into the light of Christian civilization. Medical missionaries receive a regular sal-