

the Navy have been made Rear Admirals there is hope that the medical men in all of the governmental services will at least receive the same rank and pay as the men in other branches of the same departments.

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**DR. SANDERS RESIGNS AND DR.  
WELCH IS ELECTED STATE  
HEALTH OFFICER OF  
ALABAMA**

After twenty-one years of distinguished service as State Health Officer of Alabama, Dr. W. H. Sanders has resigned. At the meeting of the Alabama State Medical Association last April, Dr. Sanders tendered his resignation on account of ill health, but it was not accepted because of his long and faithful service and because of the esteem and affection in which he is held by the physicians of his state. Not having improved in health Dr. Sanders recently insisted that a successor be elected.

For half a century Dr. Sanders has been recognized as one of the ablest and one of the most cultured men in the medical profession; and since the death of Dr. Jerome Cochrane, whom he succeeded as State Health Officer, he has been regarded as the Nestor of the physicians of Alabama. He has an enviable record as a sanitarian. One of the greatest triumphs of sanitation in this or any other country was the work of Dr. Sanders in 1905 when he kept Alabama free from yellow fever while it was raging in Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida. For this and for the faithful performance of his duty during his years of public service the citizens of Alabama will always hold him in grateful reverence.

While there have been many expressions of regret that Dr. Sanders feels that he is not physically able to continue his duties as State Health Officer, the announcement that Dr. Samuel W. Welch, of Talladega, has been elected to succeed him was received with general approval. It is regarded as

the just recognition of the man who is best prepared to carry on the work of Dr. Sanders. Dr. Welch has had years of experience as health officer for the City and County of Talladega; and since he has been a member of the State Committee of Health he has been closely associated with Dr. Sanders and is thoroughly familiar with health conditions in Alabama. Dr. Welch is a physician of unusual ability and has long been a leader among the medical men of his state. His whole soul goes into the work of improving the health of his people; and being an untiring worker, combined with the ability to handle men, we predict that he will measure up to the wonderful opportunity for service that is offered him as State Health Officer of Alabama.

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**THE SOUTHERN SURGICAL ASSO-  
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The Southern Surgical and Gynecological Association, founded by the lamented Dr. W. E. B. Davis and his distinguished brother, Dr. J. D. S. Davis, of Birmingham, has been recognized for many years as the leading association of surgeons in America. While the meetings are always held in the South, it is not a regional organization, as its name indicates, because it has among its limited membership of 200 most of the great surgeons from all parts of the United States.

Since the death of Dr. Elias Davis, in 1905, Dr. W. D. Haggard, of Nashville, has been the Secretary and executive officer. In the annual transactions as published by Dr. Davis and Dr. Haggard have been recorded much of the history of surgical progress in this country for the last quarter of a century.

At the recent meeting at White Sulphur Springs, the name was changed to "The Southern Surgical Association" and Dr. Haggard was deservedly promoted from