

the largest attendance. Addresses delivered by Capt. Dr. René Sand of the Belgian Army and by Dr. W. W. Peter, director of Public Health Education in China, were most unique and highly appreciated.

The papers delivered at the various sessions were of a uniformly high quality, and to the speakers is due the appreciative gratitude of the organizations coöperating to make the School a success, and of the delegates in attendance.

Representatives of the coöperating agencies, namely, the State Department of Health, the Massachusetts Association of Boards of Health and the U. S. Public Health Service, took part in the program and furnished chairmen for some sessions. The three members of the Committee on Public Health having the immediate care of the arrangements are Dr. Enos H. Bigelow of Framingham, Dr. E. F. Cody of New Bedford and Dr. Annie Lee Hamilton of Boston.

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#### MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAL SOCIETY— ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY.

THE Massachusetts Medical Society will observe its 137th anniversary in Boston on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, June 18 and 19. Attention is directed to the complete program of exercises which appears in another column of this issue of the JOURNAL. Conditions associated with the war will make the sessions this year of unusual interest. Many more members of the Society are absent in the active service of their country than was the case a year ago, and their example will be felt as an inspiration by all who must remain to carry on the work at home. It has wisely and fittingly been decided not to hold the annual dinner this year. Complete report of all the sessions and the entire text of papers presented will appear in successive issues of the JOURNAL during the summer.

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#### REPORTING OF GONORRHEA AND SYPHILIS.

At a meeting of the Public Health Council, held May 21st, the following regulation was

adopted as an addition to the Regulations Governing the Reporting of Gonorrhea and Syphilis.

*“Regulation 9. Whenever, in the opinion of the physician reporting the case, because of circumstances or conditions present, the protection of the public health demands immediate action by the local board of health, he shall forthwith report the facts as prescribed in Regulation 7 to the State Department of Health, which shall, in turn, proceed as prescribed in Regulation 8.”*

By direction of the Commissioner of Health,

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#### MEDICAL NOTES.

**PROGRESS OF VENEREAL DISEASE CONTROL.**—The United States Public Health Report for May 24, 1918, contains an article on the progress of venereal disease control; it explains the organization of the work which has been done and the regulations which have been adopted by different states. The report contains, also, tables showing the prevalence of malaria in certain states, the prevalence of diseases both in the extra-cantonment zones and among the troops in the United States, and state summaries and foreign reports.

**TRUDEAU SANATORIUM.**—The thirty-third annual medical report of Trudeau Sanatorium, New York, has been submitted for the year 1917. During the past year, two sessions of the Trudeau School of Tuberculosis have been held. The medical report shows that more patients were treated, they remained a shorter time in the Sanatorium, and the immediate results were much better than in previous years. Many medical problems have been studied, including the effect of typhoid fever and its vaccine upon tuberculous patients. The research and clinical laboratories have been very active and many complement-fixation tests have been made. The work of the x-ray department has progressed favorably. In the D. Ogden Mills Training School of Nurses, the lecture courses have been re-systematized. Every week, there has been held a diagnosis conference of the medical and nursing staff; these have been of great value both to the staff and to the students. The re