



NEWS DIGEST

of the NEW YORK HEALTH DEMONSTRATIONS

REPORTS of progress in each of the three health demonstration projects in New York State were presented at a conference of members of the Technical Board of the Milbank Memorial Fund, held in Atlantic City on the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth of February.

All of the members of the Board were present at this meeting, including Dr. William H. Welch, Chairman of the Advisory Council and member *ex-officio* of the Technical Board. Dr. William H. Park, the newly appointed Medical Officer of the Bellevue-Yorkville Health Demonstration in the City of New York, and Dr. Leverett D. Bristol, Executive Officer of this demonstration, also attended.



Meetings of the Technical Board to be held in Syracuse on May twenty-eighth and in Cattaraugus County on May twenty-ninth will enable members to review the urban and rural dem-

onstration activities first hand and to confer with local health workers engaged in these projects.

IT is reported that expenditures from local funds, public and private, for carrying out the 1925 health demonstration programs in both Cattaraugus County and in Syracuse will be considerably above the amounts these communities were spending for their public health work in 1922, prior to the inauguration of their demonstration projects. Estimates based on surveys begun in the latter year and continued annually to date, show an increase of 93 cents per capita in 1925 over 1922 in local public and private appropriations for community health work in Cattaraugus County. Similar studies made in Syracuse show an increase there of 80 cents per capita during the same period. These increases are aside from those made possible with health dem-

onstration funds granted by the Milbank Memorial Fund. The accompanying tables are interesting as showing that these commu-

nities have been able and willing to place new health activities under local support, once their value has been demonstrated.

Total expenditures reported as made by local agencies, public and private, for health work in Cattaraugus County, 1922 to 1925.			Total expenditures reported as made by local agencies, public and private, for health work in Syracuse, 1922 to 1925.		
YEAR	EXPENDITURE	INCREASE OVER 1922	YEAR	EXPENDITURE	INCREASE OVER 1922
1922	\$ 72,825		1922	\$255,240.36	
1923	94,412	\$21,587	1923	312,340.83	\$ 57,100.47
1924	126,759	53,934	1924	376,784.71	121,524.35
1925	138,950*	66,125*	1925	422,789.93*	167,549.57*
*Estimate			*Estimate.		

Eighty-four patients were admitted to the County tuberculosis sanatorium during the fiscal year ending in 1924. This represented an increase of 110 per cent over the number admitted the year previously.

