REPORT OF THE SECRETARY FOR 1919–1920

Your Secretary wishes to submit the following report of the activities of his office during the past year. The Society upon the whole, has enjoyed a prosperous year. Shortly after entering upon his incumbency, the President sent a circular letter to the membership, asking for their full cooperation in the upbuilding of the Society, and at the same time suggesting that those members not in full sympathy with the purposes of the Society should resign. Your Secretary is pleased to announce that this appeal met with a generally favorable response upon the part of a large majority of the members. Partly as a result of the President's statement, but in some instances for other reasons, the following members have handed in their resignations, which are submitted for your approval: Drs. E. L. L'Engle, Thos. R. Boggs, W. C. Billings, Walter Brem, Judson Daland, W. E. Musgrave, W. L. Moss. In handing in their resignation, each of these members took occasion to say a good word for the Society, giving as their excuse, other duties which took them out of touch with the affairs of the Society for the present time. In addition, it grieves me to report the death of three of our active members during the past year, namely: Drs. O. T. Logan, H. L. McNeil, and Abraham Jacobi. Likewise, one of our honorary members, Dr. Wm. Osler, passed into the Beyond several months back. With these names removed from our roll, our roster, at the present time stands as follows:

Active members ........................................... 108
Corresponding members ............................... 19
Honorary members ..................................... 29

The President has appointed no active committees during the past year. At the last annual meeting it was decided to take final action on the matter of enlarging our membership in the Latin America, at the present meeting. The Secretary has held these applications on file pending final action by the Council.
Another important matter to be placed before you for consideration, involves the publication of the transactions of the Society for the coming year. Acting upon instructions, your Secretary made arrangements with the *New Orleans Medical and Surgical Journal* for the publication of our transactions during the present year, upon the same basis as the year previous, namely, a total of $250. This included the publication of the various papers in the *Journal* and the carrying of our members as regular subscribers.

At the last meeting the membership dues were raised from $4.00 to $5.00, in order to cover our constantly increasing expenditure. I am happy to report that in no single instance was complaint made upon the part of our members at this increase.

A motion introduced by Dr. Nichols at the last meeting, proposed the following change in our by-laws: That article two be amended to read as follows: The regular dues shall be paid by Active members and by Corresponding members. Honorary members shall be exempt from dues. It will be necessary to bring this up for final action at the present meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

SIDNEY K. SIMON,

Secretary.