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Previous informal reports in typewritten form have described the steps taken by the Technical Board of the Milbank Memorial Fund in the development of the Health and Tuberculosis Demonstrations, in cooperation with the New York State Department of Health and the operating agencies, notably the New York State Charities Aid Association and the New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor. This report, the first of a series which the Technical Board proposes to issue in this quarterly form, is designed to cover the main developments since the first of the year 1923. Through this channel the Advisory Council and the Board of Directors of the Fund will be kept informed as to progress made in the several Demonstration units.

The chief facts may be briefly related as follows:

ORGANIZATION

Advisory Council

While the Advisory Council has held no meeting during this period, the following developments may be reported:

1. The addition of the following members: Dr. Thomas P. Farmer, Health Commissioner of Syracuse; Dr. Frank P. Graves, Commissioner of Education, New York State; Dr. Veranus A. Moore, Cornell University; and Dr. William H. Park, New York City.
2. The appointment of a special Committee on Bovine Tuberculosis to cooperate with the authorities in Cattaraugus County. This committee consists of Dr. Theobald Smith, Chairman, Dr. Veranus A. Moore, and Dr. William H. Park.

Technical Board

The Technical Board has held regular monthly meetings in New York City, with the exception of the March meeting, which took place in Syracuse. The activities and decisions of the Technical

Board will be indicated in the discussion below. At this point, however, it may be stated that two important subcommittees have been created as follows:

1. Committee for the Selection of Control Towns, consisting of Dr. Hermann M. Biggs and Mr. Homer Folks. This committee has under tentative consideration the selection of Rochester, Utica, and Yonkers as controls for Syracuse, and of Dutchess, Jefferson and Chautauqua as control counties for Cattaraugus.
2. A committee on medical scholarships for Cattaraugus and fellowship arrangements for Syracuse, consisting of Dr. Linsly R. Williams and Dr. James Alexander Miller.

Conference Committee

This committee has held meetings practically on a weekly basis and has given consideration to many details of the programs being developed in the demonstration communities.

PROGRESS OF THE DEMONSTRATION UNITS

Cattaraugus County

The outstanding developments in connection with Cattaraugus County, growing out of deliberations by the Technical Board or resulting from local activities in Cattaraugus itself may be itemized as follows:

1. The creation by the Board of Supervisors of a County Health District, including the two main cities of Olean and Salamanca—the first General Health District in New York State.
2. The appointment of a Board of Health and the designation of Dr. H. A. Pattison (of the National Tuberculosis Association) to serve as temporary Health Officer.
3. The appropriation by the County Board of Supervisors of \$2,000 to cover the expenses of the Board of Health to May 1st.
4. The authorization of a Committee on By-Laws and a Committee on Finance of the Board of Health.
5. The designation of Olean as the site for the County Laboratory and a request for a study of the laboratory situation by an expert sent from the State Department of Health.
6. The addition of several nurses to the local nursing personnel, and the temporary loan of a public health nursing supervisor by the State Department of Health.
7. The initiation of a tuberculosis case finding survey in the Clinton district of the county.