MEMORANDUM

Report of Activities - 1944

DR. ARMSTRONG:

This report will cover the work of the Industrial Hygiene Bureau and my personal activities in connection with other interests of the Division during the year 1944.

Industrial Hygiene Bureau

Due to the resignation of Miss Eleanor Rantoul, some reorganization of the work in the Bureau was necessary during the past year. The industrial hygiene literature cataloging has been curtailed at least temporarily. The reviewing of literature has been distributed among the medical and laboratory staffs of the Division, with the cataloging being done by the Library. Miss Reilly received a grade promotion and has taken over the heavy responsibility of correspondence along with other functions in connection with the Industrial Hygiene Laboratory. In addition to this she has had the tedious task of following through two publications—the Physical Examination booklet, and the Eye booklet. The latter one is not yet off the press. Before Miss Rantoul left she took the major part of the responsibility for rewriting these two booklets. Both were reviewed by Dr. Lanza and Dr. McConnell.

The Laboratory itself under the direction of Mr. Fehnel has had a full schedule throughout the year. A substantial part of this time has been spent in a special study of possible toxic hazards associated with a new coke plant in the Republic Steel's Cleveland works. As Miss Reilly and Mr. Fehnel have been requested by you to prepare a statement of their activities, I will not go into that part of the work.

In connection with claim experience, medical assistance was given the Group Division on several important organizations—Union Carbide and Carbon Company, and the Ammunition Container Corporation, a subsidiary of the American Can Co. Medical consultation service has been given the Continental Can Co. in the development of an industrial health program.

On October 16th the Province of Quebec was visited for the primary purpose of securing first-hand information on tuberculosis and asbestosis in Thetford Mines and Asbestos. Preliminary investigation in addition to an analysis of the tuberculosis mortality in these communities as well as comparable communities and the Province, have failed to disclose any relationship between asbestosis and tuberculosis, although the contrary view prevails among the medical profession in the Province of Quebec. Important contacts were made in Montreal with Radio Corporation of Canada, the Aluminum Company of Canada and other Group policyholders. The visit to Thetford Mines was timely because it coincided with an interest of Mine Managements in Thetford Mines for the development of an industrial hygiene service. We were able to assist in securing the services of a well-qualified physician to head up this service.

While in Montreal we addressed the local Society of Industrial Hygiene Physicians.

During the year 9 groups who were taking the Personnel Course in the Policyholders' Service Bureau were greeted and methods of controlling respiratory infections, the use of vitamins, fatigue and nutrition were topics discussed with each of these groups which numbered 29 persons.

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Field Force Contacts

During the year Managers and Agents were visited in the following cities: Boston, Trenton, New Brunswick, Newark, Baltimore, Harrisburg, New Britain, Conn., and Chicago, Ill. On some of these visits addresses were given to local service clubs. Topics discussed included a review of health work of the Company on its 35th Anniversary, a discussion of the national health picture after three years of war and the role of the Agent in the Company's health work. More than 15,000 miles were traveled during the year in connection with these visits and other Company and professional business.

School Health Activities

Several trips to Albany for one-and two-day meetings were made in serving as consultant for the State Education Department in its study of the school health program in New York State. In connection with this, several upstate school districts were visited in June to observe school health procedures in rural and small town communities.

Served as Chairman of the School Physicians Section of the American Association of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation and participated in its annual meeting in New York City in April, 1944.

Served as Secretary of the School Health Section of the American Public Health Association, organized the meetings for the Section for its October meeting, and spoke on the educational qualifications of the school physician at this annual meeting.

In connection with the revision of Dr. Frederick Roger's booklet on "What Every Teacher Should Know" many suggestions were given and incorporated.

Considerable time was given during the year to supervising and assisting with the development of the School Bureau's film strip on teacher observations.

Served as Chairman on several subcommittees of the New York City Board of Education's Committee studying the school health program.

Spoke on health education at the annual meeting of the Nassau County Tuberculosis and Health Association, May 23rd.

Spoke on the School Physician's Role in the School Health Program at the annual meeting of the NOPHN in Buffalo in June.

Spoke to the Wartime Conference of School Education in Hartford, Conn., in February.

Rheumatic Fever

Developed and demonstrated the Company's Rheumatic Fever Exhibit at the AMA meeting in June. Worked up in connection with this a series of daily clinical conferences on rheumatic fever, where authorities on the disease in this country and in Canada participated.

Took part in a symposium on rheumatic fever at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Pediatrics in St. Louis—title of speech, "Mobilization Against Rheumatic Fever".

Named by the APHA as delegate of that organization at the Rheumatic Fever Council. Participated in meetings held to organize this Council. Served as a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics on this Committee.

Supervised the production of the Rheumatic Fever filmstrip and worked closely with the Bureau of Social Agencies in developing promotional plans for the strip.

Child Health

Served on the Advisory Committee of the Children's Bureau, thereby keeping in close touch with the Emergency Maternal Care Program for the wives and infants of Servicemen, which affects the interests of so many of our policyholders. Also through service on this Committee I am able to participate in the planninf for future child health programs in this country.

Nursing

Reviewed the prepayment plan and presented a statement on this at the Nursing Advisory Committee meeting.

Spoke to the Territorial Supervisors on recent advances in therapeutics and worked closely with executives in the Nursing Bureau on many problems involving cost statements, personnel, and automobiles. Served on the NOPHN Cost Analyses Committee.

Outside Activities

Served on a number of professional committees in connection with United China Relief and have had some part in securing funds for the development of a child health program in China.

During the year I have also had a number of contacts with Latin-American visitors and have had an opportunity to discuss the health and welfare work of the Company with them.

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Attached is a list of major field contacts, committees, and publications during the year.

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Assistant Medical Director

MEETINGS AND FIELD TRIPS

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January 11	BOSTON, MASS.	To see Dr. T. Duckett Jones re Rheumatic Fever Exhibit.
January 18	HARTFORD, CONN.	Wartime Conference on School Health Education. Talked on "Educational Implications of School Health Program."
January 26,27	NEW YORK, N.Y.	Attended Conference on Rheumatic Fever called by American Heart Association as member of A.H.A. Committee on Rheumatic Diseases and as representative of American Academy of Pediatrics.
January 31	NEW YORK, N. Y.	Meeting at Health Department re community survey on incidence of rheumatic disease in Fort Greene District.
February 7	NEW YORK, N. Y.	Baby Institute broadcast, "Child Health in Wartime".
February 15,16	CHICAGO, ILL.	Attend Congress of Industrial Hygiene.
March 2,3	ALBANY, N. Y.	Meeting of Consultants in Health and Physical Education, State Education Department
March 9	BOSTON, MASS.	Address West Roxbury-Roslindale Kiwanis Club on rheumatic fever.
March 17	TRENTON, N. J.	Visit District Office.
March 27, 28	ALBANY, N. Y.	Meeting of Consultants in Health and Physical Education, State Education Department.
April 18	ALBANY, N. Y.	" " " "
April 24-28	NEW YORK, N. Y.	Annual meeting of American Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation

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May 8-11	NEW YORK, N. Y.	Annual meeting of New York State Medical Society
May 23	MINEOLA, N. Y.	Meeting of Nassau County Tuberculosis and Health Association. Spoke on "Can We Teach Adults Anything About Health?
June 3	ALBANY, N. Y.	Meeting of Consultants of NYS Education Department
June 5-7	BUFFALO, N.Y.	Meeting of National Organization for Public Health Nursing. Spoke on the role of the physician in "The Changing School Health Program."
June 7-9	PINE HILLS, N. Y.	School visitations for NYS Education Department.
June 12-16	CHICAGO, ILL.	Annual meeting of American Medical Association. Rheumatic fever clinical discussions.
June 22	WASHINGTON, D.C.	Conference called by Children's Bureau.
June 23	NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.	Agency meeting.
June 26	NEWARK, N. J.	Agency luncheon meeting.
July 10, 11	BALTIMORE, MD.	Towson and Baltimore nursing experience. Luncheon with Managers and Nursing people.
July 12	HARRISBURG, PA.	Visited Health Department
July 13	JOHNSTOWN, PA.	Luncheon with Managers
August 1	WASHINGTON, D.C.	Visit War Department re Ammunition Container Corporation
August 2,3	CHICAGO, ILL.	Visit Ammunition Container Corp. re claim experience
September 21, 22	ALBANY, N.Y.	Meeting of consultants of NYS Education Department.

September 27	ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.	Meeting called by Children's Bureau, and meeting of American Pediatric Society.
October 2-5	NEW YORK, N. Y.	Annual meeting of American Public Health Association. Speak on Qualifications of School Physician's Report.
October 16-20	THETFORD MINES, CAN.	Poor claim experience.
November 9,10,11	ST. LOUIS, MO.	Meeting of Academy of Pediatrics. Talk "Mobilization Against Rheumatic Fever".
November 30	NEW BRITAIN, CONN.	Speak to Rotary Club at request of Manager Stern. Speak on rheumatic fever before Council of Social Agencies.
December 1	" " "	Address Agency Staff.
December 8,9	WASHINGTON, D. C.	Meeting of Advisory Committee on MCH Services of Children's Bureau.
December 14	NEW YORK, N. Y.	Meeting of Council on Rheumatic Fever.

P U B L I C A T I O N S

Recent Advances in School Health Service. Journal of Pediatrics, April 1944.

Educational Implications of the School Health Program. American Journal of Public Health, December 1944.

Mobilization Against Rheumatic Fever. Journal of Pediatrics, February 1945 (to be published).

Community Organization for the Control of Rheumatic Fever. (Co-author with Dr. Armstrong) New York State Journal of Medicine, 1945 (to be published).

Current Committee Activities
1944

NATIONAL

American Academy of Pediatrics
Fellow; Member of Committee on School Health; Member of Committee on Rheumatic Fever

American Medical Association
Fellow

American Public Health Association
Fellow; Subcommittee on Educational Qualifications of School Physicians of Committee on Professional Education; Secretary, School Health Section; Member of Governing Council; Delegate to Council on Rheumatic Fever

American School Health Association
Member

Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation
Member; Member, President's Committee

Children's Bureau, U. S. Department of Labor
Member of Advisory Committee on Maternal and Child Health Services (1943-46)

National Organization for Public Health Nursing
Member, Cost Analyses Committee

National Society for Prevention of Blindness
Member, Committee on Vision Testing Procedures

STATE

New York State Education Department
Consultant for Regents in Study of School Health Program

LOCAL

New York City Board of Education
Member, Committee for Evaluative Study of Health Education; Chairman, Subcommittee on Evaluation of Summer Controls in Health Education

New York County Medical Society
Member

Pediatric Foundation
Member of Advisory Committee

United China Relief
Member, Executive Committee
Member, Advisory Committee on Medicine and Health
Member, Subcommittee on Civilian Health Services
Member, Subcommittee on Rehabilitation
Member, Subcommittee on Public Health
Member, Nominating Committee of Advisory Committee on Medicine and Health
Member, Program Committee

Current Committee Activities (Cont.)

Member, Committee on Child Care and Development
Member, Subcommittee on Health

China Aid Council
Member, Board of Directors; Pediatricians Committee of Board of Directors
Vice-President 1944-45
Member, Subcommittee on Nutrition and Medical Care of American Committee for Chinese War Orphans

American Bureau for Medical Aid to China
Member, National Health Administration Committee
Member, Public Health Committee