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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
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EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

The outstanding event of the past year is the resignation of Dr. Blumer as Superintendent of the Hospital and the election of Dr. Ruggles as his successor. Dr. Blumer in his reports, rendered in the years 1920 and 1921, announced in a manner characteristically cryptic, but nevertheless quite understandable, his desire to be relieved from the duties of his office. The trustees were loath to act. They were very sure that Dr. Blumer's capacity to discharge the duties of superintendent was in no degree impaired, and while they realized that forty-two years of unremitting devotion to perhaps the most trying occupation in which any man can engage, twenty-two years of which were in the service of this institution, entitled him to lay down his burdens without remonstrance from those whom he had served faithfully, it was not for them to initiate or actively sanction any measures which should deprive the hospital of the leadership which had meant and still meant so much to it.

Their policy of inaction and silent dissent, however, was of no effect. On July 7, 1921, just twenty-two years to a day after the date of his election as superintendent, Dr. Blumer tendered his resignation, to take effect December 31, 1921. It was accepted and Dr. Arthur H. Ruggles was elected as his successor, to assume the duties of the office on January 1, 1922.

This program has been carried out and Dr. Ruggles is now the Superintendent and today presents the annual report of that officer. We are, however,