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To JOHN J. BAGLEY, *Governor of Michigan*:

SIR:—In compliance with the laws of this State, I present to you the accompanying Report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1875.

Very respectfully,

HENRY B. BAKER,  
*Secretary of the State Board of Health.*





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# REPORT.

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This, the Third Annual Report of the Secretary of this Board, is for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1875. In this volume are published eleven special papers, nine of them prepared by members of this Board, and all of them concerning subjects closely related to the public health. The value of these gratuitous contributions can be best learned by a thorough study of the articles themselves; but their influence for the advancement of public health in Michigan cannot as yet be fairly appreciated; it will continue on through future years. In this Report, these special papers occupy pages 1 to 160, inclusive. They are published under the same resolution, mentioned in previous Reports, and which is again reprinted, being the most definite way of stating the exact conditions. It is as follows:

“*Resolved*, That no papers shall be published in the Annual Report of this Board except such as are ordered or approved for purposes of such publication by a majority of the members of the Board; and that any such paper shall be published over the signature of the writer, who is entitled to the credit of its production, as well as responsible for the statements of facts and opinions expressed therein.”

#### MEMBERS OF THIS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

At the close of the fiscal year, the names and postoffice addresses of the members of this Board are as follows:

HOMER O. HITCHCOCK, M. D., President,	Kalamazoo.
ROBERT C. KEDZIE, M. D.,	Agr'l College, Lansing.
REV. CHARLES H. BRIGHAM,	Ann Arbor.
HENRY F. LYSER, M. D.,	Detroit.
REV. JOHN S. GOODMAN,	East Saginaw.
ARTHUR HAZLEWOOD, M. D.,	Grand Rapids.
HENRY B. BAKER, M. D., Secretary of the Board, and Supt. of Vital Statistics,	Office at Lansing.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

In organizing for work, the Board appointed committees on some of the important subjects relating to the public health. Each committee consisted of a Chairman and the President and Secretary of the Board. At the meeting of the Board in April, 1875, the by-laws were so amended that the standing