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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Raleigh, N. C., September 16, 1944.

His Excellency, J. MELVILLE BROUGHTON,
Governor of North Carolina.

MY DEAR SIR: — Under Authority of Chapter 118, Article 1, Section 7050, Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina, I have to submit to you for transmission to the General Assembly the Biennial Report of the State Board of Health for the period July 1, 1942, to June 30, 1944.

Yours sincerely,

CARL V. REYNOLDS,
Secretary and State Health Officer.

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THE CHRONOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WORK IN NORTH CAROLINA

In the seventies Dr. Thomas Fanning Wood, of Wilmington, caught the vision of the possibilities of public health work to North Carolina. How fully he grasped the far-reaching consequences of his idea, how clearly he saw the ever-growing hosts of lives saved as a result of his vision and inspiration, we shall never know. We do know that the vision never left him, and that under its sway he worked, through the *Medical Journal* which he edited and through the North Carolina State Medical Society until his influence reached the people of the State in their General Assembly of 1877, with the effect that on February 12, 1877, the North Carolina State Board of Health was born. Ours was the twelfth state board of health to be established.

Without treating the development of the newly-established board with that thoroughness that could be termed history, we think it enough to set down here in chronological order the principal events in the life and growth of the North Carolina State Board of Health.

1877. Board created by the General Assembly. Consisted in the beginning of entire State Medical Society. Society acted through a committee. Annual appropriation, \$100.
1878. First educational pamphlet issued. Subject, "Timely Aid for the Drowned and Suffocated." Annual appropriation, \$100.
1879. The General Assembly reconstituted the Board of Health. Made it to consist of nine members: six appointed by the Governor, three elected by the State Medical Society. Term of office, five years. Dr. Thomas F. Wood elected first Secretary of the Board, May 21. Dr. S. S. Satchwell was first President of the Board. Other legislative provisions: (1) Chemical examination of water, and (2) organization of county boards of health, composed of all regular practicing physicians and, in addition, the mayor of the county town, the chairman of the board of county commissioners, and the county surveyor. Four educational pamphlets issued. Subjects: "Disinfection, Drainage, Drinking Water, and Disinfectants"; "Sanitary Engineering"; "Methods of Performing Post-mortem Examinations"; "Limitation and Prevention of Diphtheria." Annual appropriation, \$200.
1880. Much of the activity this year was devoted to efforts to control diphtheria. Prompt reporting of cases was urged. Water supplies and sewage disposal provoked much discussion. A survey of schoolhouses was carried out through the County Superintendents of Health. Most of the public schoolhouses were of one-teacher size, of frame and log construction, and none of them in rural districts had any type of privy.