

and the protection of drinking water. In both counties the survey inaugurated important changes in the sanitary habits of the people, and larger enterprises in water and sewerage works were greatly stimulated. Demands arose in various parts of Maryland for similar surveys, and the State Board of Health has been able to make a few limited surveys of towns, without any assistance from the Federal Bureau of Health. The State ought, of course, to be able to respond to such requests. The indications are that these surveys were attended and followed by a marked reduction of typhoid fever. By the mortality test this is certainly true, but the State Board of Health has not, in so short a time, the basis for such confident assertion as may be expected in another year or two.

About a month ago was started a co-operative survey of the schools of Frederick County, with Dr. Taliaferro Clark and two other representatives of the United States Public Health Service. This survey will be the best of its kind ever made in Maryland and possibly the best ever made in the country.

They would not have been able to complete so much work in 1915, but for the circumstance that Maryland is getting a reputation as a good place for the practical study of public health operations. Universities have perceived this, and the Board was able this year, for the first time, to get, at a very modest price, the services of young men who are taking academic training in Hygiene.

It is even possible that schools of public health will in the near future require their students to have practical experience in the service of Boards of Health, and such service will count toward the academic degree of Doctor of Public Health. In that case, we shall be fortunate in that the Department of Health of Maryland is held in no little esteem by academic observers. Having met with a demand for the more intimate and thoroughgoing operations, which these surveys indicate, the Board should be able to make at least one general survey of a county each summer, and a school survey each winter.

The surveys of Dorchester and Anne Arundel cost about \$5,000, the Anne Arundel survey being the more expensive.