ment up to a standard which shall make it a synonym of excellence, and its service such as to elicit only praise from press and people.

Police Physicians.

Chapter 150, of the Laws of 1888, approved March 29th, provided for the appointment by the Board of three police physicians, whose duties were therein specifically set forth. Under the authority of that law, the Board, on May 1st, 1888, appointed Doctors J. E. Heard, P. Bryson Wood and W. S. Smith such physicians. For the purpose of equalizing their duties in the department, the entire city was divided into three police physicians' districts, numbered respectively one, two and three, and to these three districts were assigned the three physicians heretofore mentioned. Very beneficial results have followed to the department by reason of the permanent employment of the three physicians. It will be readily seen that rigid medical examination of applicants for appointment will insure to the department none but physically healthy men, which is a matter of very considerable importance. Attendance by the police physicians upon all officers and men who are injured by violence in the performance of their duty is but reasonable and just, and that service thus far has been of much importance to the department. All officers and men reported sick and unfit for duty are at once visited by one of the three physicians, and a special report made to the Board as to the disease with which he is suffering and the probable origin of it, so that the Board have before it every day a complete list of the sick in the department and a statement as to the condition of each one thus disabled. The official report of the physicians to the Board, from May 1st, 1888, when first appointed, to January 1st, 1889, also from January 1st, 1889, to January 1st, 1890, is published herewith. Much valuable and interesting information will be found contained therein.

Retirements and Pensions.

In addition to the law passed by the Legislature of 1886, which authorized the retirement on pension, on one-third pay, of the men in the department who had become disabled in the service, the Legislature, at the session of 1888, by an amendment provided in

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