

# MEDICS OPPOSE LAW AIMED TO AID EMPLOYEES

## County Society Elects Dr. Shapiro President; Hears Group of Addresses.

Disapproval of a proposed law for the establishment by big companies and corporations of a hospital with medical service for employes was voiced by the St. Louis County Medical society at its annual meeting last night at the Commercial club. Dr. E. Z. Shapiro was elected president of the society for a year.

In outlining reasons for opposition to the proposed measure, which will be introduced at the next session of the legislature, it was pointed out that such a plan discourages the best efforts of men engaged in the medical profession to exert themselves in greater personal advancement and higher study.

### Denounces Bill.

Dr. O. W. Rowe, who presided at the meeting, addressed the society on medical problems. He also outlined the disadvantages of the proposed legislation to establish medical and hospital aid for employes. He said, "Medical men all over the country strongly denounce this plan which is being promoted by organizations of men who are neither workmen nor medical men."

Dr. H. M. Tibbetts read a paper on infantile paralysis which was pronounced to be of extreme scientific interest by those present.

A talk was given by County Attorney Warren E. Greene who expressed his gratitude to the medical profession for its co-operation and aid to the state. He also voiced his disapproval of the tendency to standardize individuals, regardless of personal ability, which he pictured as the result of legislation which made possible the establishment of hospitals and medical aid to employes of corporations.

Dr. N. H. Gillespie, Dr. A. J. Braden and Dr. E. Z. Shapiro who attended the state medical society convention held at St. Paul Oct. 1, reported that the society consisting of 650 members had accepted their invitation to hold the next convention in Duluth August 1921.

### Medical Library.

Plans were also outlined for a modern medical library to cost \$1,000. The greater amount of this sum was subscribed by personal contributions at the meeting last night which was attended by 54 members, with the recommendation that work be commenced on the establishing of the library immediately, following the collection of the remainder of the amount.

Plans were outlined for the future activities of the society which will include the arranging of monthly meetings at which carefully studied papers by local and widely known men will read.

The meeting closed with the election of officers and the appointment of delegates to the State Medical society which meets in the city next year. Following are the officers for the ensuing year: Dr. E. Z. Shapiro, president; Dr. R. L. Burns of Two Harbors, first vice president; Dr. L. N. Morsman of Hibbing, second vice president; Dr. Robert S. Forbes, secretary and treasurer.

The following delegates were appointed: Dr. N. H. Gillespie, Dr. Claude Haney and Dr. O. W. Parker.

The board of censors consisted of the following: Dr. E. W. Fahey, Dr. W. P. Abbott and Dr. O. L. McDonald.