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DIRECTOR OF REGISTRATION,
146 STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, JAN. 2, 1923.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.

GENTLEMEN:—The Division of Registration, Department of Civil Service and Registration, respectfully submits to you its third annual report. As in previous years the reports of the various Boards in this Division, the Board of Registration in Medicine, the Board of Registration in Pharmacy, the Board of Dental Examiners, the Board of Registration in Optometry, the Board of Registration in Embalming, the Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine, the Board of Registration in Nurses and the State Examiners of Electricians, are submitted to the Director and will be printed in separate pamphlets.

In accordance with chapter 426 of the Acts of 1921 the several Boards of this Division, namely, the Board of Dental Examiners, the Board of Registration in Embalming and the Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine, which were formerly located without the State House, were given quarters in the office of the Director. This consolidating of the Boards into one room considerably decreases the expenses of them in the eliminating of clerical hire, rent, light, etc. The secretaries of the various Boards have stated office hours at the State House each week.

It is possible to make further improvement by consolidating the work now duplicated by the several Boards in having one bookkeeping office serve all the Boards comprising this Division.

The Director has been unable to accomplish this consolidation because of the limited room assigned to this Division. In the bookkeeping department proposed all moneys coming to the

several Boards would be received, and it is important that one room should be used exclusively for that work. The present quarters for the Boards in the Division are wholly inadequate for the important work required of them. In the Director's room, a room half the size of an ordinary office, the Board of Dental Examiners, the Board of Registration in Optometry and the Board of Registration in Embalming have their offices. There is no opportunity for private consultation by these Boards, and they perform their work under difficulties that should not be put upon them.

Some of the Boards have hearings nearly every day. The prohibition law has added materially to the work of the Board of Registration in Pharmacy and the Board of Registration in Medicine. Until recently these hearings were held in the office of the Board giving the hearing, and they were interrupted constantly by applicants for information or blanks against whom the office could not be closed. During the summer the Director caused a large portion of the office space of the Board of Registration in Medicine to be set apart for a hearing room. This room, although an improvement on the former arrangement, has no daylight or ventilation and is not suited for a hearing room. I request that some rearrangement be made by which suitable quarters may be given to the Boards in this Division.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. CRAIG,

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