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The North Carolina Public Health Association met in Room "C" of the Washington Duke Hotel, Durham, at 9:45 a. m. and was called to order by the president, Dr. E. R. Hardin, Lumberton.

The invocation was said by the Rev. David H. Scanlon, D.D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Durham.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS—SOME PROBLEMS AHEAD OF US

By DR. E. R. HARDIN, Lumberton.

The papers of the recent Presidents of this Association have given you a retrospective view of the origin, organization and progress of public health work in North Carolina. In this connection I shall only add that the enormous amount of sickness prevented, the thousands of lives saved, and the great reputation that our State has acquired as a safe place in which to live, is in large measure due to the different departments of the State Board of Health, and to the men and women of this Association who have been on the firing line. Much credit is also due the practicing physicians who have aided with their cooperation and influence, and the appropriating bodies who had the good judgment to make this great work possible. To all these the State of North Carolina owes an everlasting debt of gratitude; for no state can have material assets comparable to the lives of its citizens.

It is my purpose to bring to your attention some of the problems that confront us as public health workers, some of them now in process of solution, others yet to be solved. They are in no sense new or original, nor have I found a solution for them. They are problems that require the thought and consideration of organized groups of men and women interested in public health work. This is such an organization, and to you the people of North Carolina look for leadership in public health and the solution of all their public health problems; because after all they concern the citizenship of our whole State.

As workers in the field you are aware of the fact that many of our people are profoundly ignorant of the rudiments of personal hygiene and disease prevention. This is not only true of the adult population, but thousands of children, especially in our rural schools, either have little more than a primitive conception of personal hygiene or else do