THE PREVALENT DISEASES IN THE PHILIPPINES.*

We have the honor to submit to you a brief account of our work and movements in carrying out your commission to study the prevalent diseases in the Philippine Archipelago. Your commissioners, consisting of Dr. Simon Flexner and Dr. L. F. Barker, to whom were voluntarily attached Messrs. J. M. Flint and F. P. Gay, of the Medical School, the latter having given their time and paid all their own expenses, sailed from Vancouver on March 29, 1899, and arrived in Manila, May 4th, where they immediately established themselves for the purpose of the work mentioned. Owing to the military situation it was found impracticable to visit other ports in the Archipelago, or to penetrate into the interior of the Island of Luzon. The entire time, therefore, of the commission was spent in the study of disease existing among the natives and American troops in Manila and at Cavite.

WORK IN JAPAN AND HONG-KONG.

As transport sailings were uncertain and the passage out by them slow, it was decided to save time and go by fast steamer, the Canadian Pacific Railway giving es-

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