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The American Society of Bacteriologists held its second annual meeting at Baltimore, at the end of December under the presidency of Professor Wm. T. Sedgwick, whose address has already been published in SCIENCE. The following papers were presented:

Distribution of Bacillus aerogenes capsulatus: W. H. WELCH.

Dr. William H. Welch presented the results of investigations of Mr. L. K. Hirshberg in the Pathological Laboratory of the Johns Hopkins University. There can be no question but that the bacillus discovered by Welch in 1891 and fully described by Welch and Nuttall in the following year is identical with Fraenkel's *B. phlegmones emphysematosæ*, with Veillon and Zuber's *B. perforingens*, and with Schattenfroh and Grassberger's *Granulobacillus saccharobutyricus immobilis liquefaciens* described in 1900. It is possible that Klein had in his cultures *B. aerogenes capsulatus*, but his description of his *B. enteritidis sporogenes* can not be reconciled with the properties of the former bacillus, especially his statements as to motility and peptonization of milk. It has already been demonstrated by Welch, by Howard, and by Hitschmann and Lindenthal that *B. aerogenes capsulatus* is a widely distributed organism, its natural habitats being especially the intestinal canals of man, animals

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