that no suspicious cases were under treatment, but the information he gained was sufficient to arouse his suspicion and upon his return to Jacksonville a quarantine was declared against Fernandina on August 31. Yellow fever was declared prevalent in Fernandina the first week of September. Some of the more timid people left Jacksonville at that time. The fever spread rapidly in Fernandina, thence along the coast of Georgia and South Carolina, and to Baldwin and other towns near Jacksonville. Armed guards were placed around Jacksonville on September 17, to prevent people coming in from the infected districts. The health authorities issued daily bulletins stating that no case of yellow fever existed in the city and the extreme nervous tension of the residents was relieved somewhat. Early in November Jared H. Keen died, when it was publicly charged that yellow fever existed in the city, and on the 15th the Board of Health issued this bulletin:

Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 15, 1877.

Hon. W. Stokes Boyd,
Mayor and Pres. Board of Health.

Sir:

Within the last two weeks a number of cases of fever have occurred in and around the city, principally in the western suburb south of the "Pond", and in the neighborhood of the Waverly House. Several of these have proved fatal. Drs. Mitchell, Sabal, Knight, Holt, Fernandez, and myself have had one or more cases.

Our duty to the authorities, the community, and ourselves compels us to recognize the undoubted features of yellow fever in these cases. We have conscientiously withheld this fact from the public up to this time, earnestly hoping and trusting that the late period of fall would give us such a temperature ere this as would have stamped out all fevers, and feeling that a few additional days of exposure would by no means jeopardize the health of this community as much as would the probable panic and its consequences if our convictions had been made public.

And now whilst we have no right longer to withhold the truth we still sanguinely hope that a few additional days of risk will carry us out of danger.

R. P. Daniel,

This bulletin appeared in the local newspaper on the following day, and it caused a wild panic among the people. All who could, left the city. Intense excitement and confusion prevailed, and only the lateness of the season pre-