

have an article inserted in the warrant proposing to amend the by-laws as recommended in their report; second, to appear before the town advisory committee and get its approval; and third, to be prepared to present the matter well at town meeting. When the by-law has been adopted by the town, an attested copy with a statement of the town's action upon it, signed by the town clerk, must be sent to the attorney general's office for his approval. As soon as that is received, the by-law must be published in the town as required by the General Laws; and the planning board should see to it also that a copy thereof, attested by the town clerk, is sent to the Division of Highways of the Department of Public Works at the state house. Lastly, our executive board will appreciate the favor if the planning board will send a copy, not necessarily attested, to the Executive Secretary of the Federation of Planning Boards, in care of the Division of Housing and Town Planning, Department of Public Welfare, State House, Boston.

In regard to the **enforcement** of bill board restrictions, the position of municipalities in Massachusetts, as well as that of the state authorities, has been immensely improved by the adoption this year of the amendment printed herein as section 30-A of chapter 93 of the General Laws, which defines as a nuisance any out door advertising device not permitted under the state regulations, and extends the application of the law, giving local boards of health power to cause the removal of nuisances, to a nuisance as therein defined. The provisions of the nuisance law referred to are printed in full on page 40 of Bulletin No. 9.

The sufferers from the bill board nuisance are much more interested in the removal of offensive bill boards than they are in the punishment of their owners, and this provision puts a prompt remedy in the hands of the local authorities who desire to use it.

The practice of "sniping," as the tacking and pasting up of illegal signs is commonly called, should receive attention. In some parts of the country every blank wall, fence and post is appropriated by these petty sharks, who often work in the night, "because their deeds are evil." Board walls around building operations furnish

opportunities that are especially appreciated by theatres and movie shows, while too frequently even candidates for offices, whose incumbents are sworn to support the laws, are among the offenders. Such snipers seldom secure permission from anybody for their postings; anything so placed may be torn down by anybody, and, for persistent violators, a trip to court and a personal introduction by the judge to section 33 of chapter 93 of the General Laws would be educational.

Having secured, apparently, all the state law needed in Massachusetts, our members may now devote their efforts to securing local laws and their enforcement, where the prospects are interesting and hopeful.