

THE Ohio State Sanitary Convention which for several years had done some excellent annual work in the promotion of the sanitary education of the public has become extinct, it appears, and its work will now be carried on by the State Board of Health. No doubt this is the proper thing, if the State Board will take the necessary action, as it probably will. At the late and last meeting Dr. D. H. Beckwith, of Cleveland, president, read a lengthy and very suggestive paper on "The Hog." In the United States, in health legislation, the hog is said to be "ahead."

WE have received an invitation to attend the tenth International Medical Congress to be held in Berlin from Monday the 4th to Saturday the 9th of August next, and also a request to extend an invitation to our medical friends, which we herein cordially do. The official languages of all the sessions are to be German, English and French. Communications, enquiries, &c., may be directed to the General Secretary, Dr. Lassar, Berlin, N.W., 19 Karlstrasse, Germany.

THE relation of diphtheria to affections of the lower animals, has been observed with greater certainty and is still being closely investigated by Dr. Klein, says the British Medical Journal of Dec. 28th. The medical officer of health for part of East Kent gives instances of the disease running concurrently in isolated farm houses with disease amongst the cows and horses. The evidence is gradually accumulating to establish the view that diphtheria is a disease which is transmissible both from man to some of the lower animals, and from these in turn to man.

THE HAPPY MEDIUM in everything is best. Very dull times with real poverty is found to increase the mortality in cities; while in highly prosperous times many rush into excesses of all sorts, even into business excesses. Man as a race with all his progress has not yet learned to bear well with great prosperity. The few can do it but not the masses. With the most depressing financial conditions, if all would live as Dr. Alison does, as noted elsewhere, on a pound and a half of whole wheat meal a day alone with water, much poverty might be healthfully borne.

IN THE American Magazine, Dr. Hutchinson says: "I have recently met with several cases of insomnia due to over-taxation of the American nervous system, and have been requested to prescribe some drug that would be effective to procure sleep, and be at the same time harmless. No such drug exists. There is no medicine capable of quieting to sleep voluntary life that has been working ten hours at high pressure, except it be more or less poisonous.

LOOK after the mothers, this is of exceeding importance. The British Medical Journal says: The present high percentage of neurotic children, as well as those with ill-made brains, may probably be traced in large part to antecedents in the mothers. The condition of future generations is, without doubt, largely dependent upon the state of the female portion of the population even upon those engaged in labour.

A KEY NOTE was struck by Sir T. Crawford, K.C.B., M.D., LL.D., &c., in his presidential inaugural address before the London Epidemiological Society (on Nov. 20th, 1889). He said in any schemes for the suppression or diminution of preventable diseases he was convinced that, valuable as might be the aid afforded by notification, isolation, disinfection, etc., the chief attention should be directed to the amelioration of the general conditions of the masses, material and moral as well as physical, so as to render possible the development of a race of higher physique better able to resist the attacks of disease.

A SAN FRANCISCO correspondent, Dr. Stalard, who has evidently given much attention to the subject of leprosy in the Sandwich Islands writes that he is satisfied (1) that leprosy is feebly contagious; (2) probably less so than consumption; (3) that its spread in the Sandwich Islands affords absolute proof of its contagion and (4) that its increase was due to new conditions of native life, brought about by the association with the whites. He believes it can be arrested and surely prevented by abundant food and a perfect state of health.

A DISCUSSION recently took place at the Conseil d'hygiene, Paris, concerning the transmission of certain diseases by hair-dressers and dentists, the brushes and instruments being used in common for all their clients. M. Lancereaux wished to have stringent measures enforced, and cited a case of phthisis which Dr. Cochrane, an American dentist, alleged was transmitted by a dentist's instrument.

NINE Commissioners have just been chosen in Chicago, who are authorized to spend \$60,000,000 in constructing a system which will take care of Chicago's sewage and give the city pure water. The Commissioners have the power to employ 10,000 men a year for seven years, within which time the work must be completed.

A PARIS correspondent of the British Medical Journal states that Dr. Bernard, of Cannes, recommends all those who suffer from sea sickness to follow the advice given him by a sailor, that is, as soon as the disagreeable premonitory symptoms are felt the chest should be kept