

SIR James Johnson says : "No case of purely functional dyspepsia can resist a pedestrian tour over the Alps.

AGAINST throwing rubbish on the street the ordinances in Paris are very strict, and an "American" was recently "arrested" for dropping an envelope on the sidewalk.

WARM BATHS in typhoid fever are advocated by Dr. Anaschat (in Deut. Med. Zeit.) He shows excellent results in 150 cases.

IN SPAIN a society was organized last month for the study of tuberculosis, but recently proposed by the President of the Madrid Medical-Chirurgical Society.

A WEST of Scotland Sanitary Association has reached the end of its eighth year and has a membership of 433.

IGNORANCE of the essentials of sanitary knowledge, the Sanitary Inspector says, is a fool's paradise of safety.

A HYGIENIC Institute is about to be established in the University of Heidelberg under the direction of Prof. Knauff.

SMOKING finds neither an admirer nor a supporter in Mr. Gladstone. He has a natural and unconquerable aversion to it, it is said, and that his dislike to the practice was at one time so great that he would not allow the filthy weed to be used in his house.

Among the delegates to the late National Convention of the Society of Christian Endeavor, held at Philadelphia, the Sanitary Era says, there were no smokers. One train, carrying nearly a thousand delegates, had no smoking car.

### NOTES FROM HEALTH REPORTS.

THE ANNUAL REPORT of the Toronto Board of Health (for 1889) contains a good deal of suggestive matter of much interest, and as it gives a large amount of correspondence between the medical officer and the board and others specially interested in certain unsanitary nuisances, which shows that the medical officer and his staff have apparently done all that was possible to do with the staff and means at the disposal of the board and the power given it by the Public Health Act, it should prove very satisfactory to the citizens. Thus showing in a clear manner the efforts of the board for promoting the city's health the report is happily and almost amusingly outspoken in dealing with two or three who had made unreasonable complaints. Some unreasonable individuals expect a medical officer with but limited powers, with half the salary of the city solicitor or engineer, and a small staff, to leave not the slightest sanitary defect, among the many of them, within the city borders.

About six thousand complaints had been made relative to sanitary wants and 18,000 visits made in connection therewith during the year; 1,422 notices had been served and 5,473 inspections made after notices; the number of prosecutions was 234; cases withdrawn, from work being done, 170; and 12 fines had been imposed, amounting in all to \$54. New water closets put in

in the city during the year 366; dry earth closets, 53; yards cleaned, 804; privies cleaned, 2,050; privies abolished, 143; cisterns filled, 105; wells do., 18; waste pipes repaired 121; with much more in regard to cellars, stables, &c.

Just at the close of the previous year there had been seven outbreaks of small-pox, in seven different places, neither case originating from either of the others, but introduced from abroad; all were effectually suppressed, and no cases subsequently occurred. During the year 17 places used as dwellings were condemned. It became necessary to take legal steps to have the occupants evicted, and in some cases they had to be summoned before the Police Court in order to obtain the required end. In accordance with the "Act for the Protection of Infant Children," the premises of 19 applicants for License had been inspected by the Medical Officer, of which 14 were found satisfactory, and authority given to register the same. To the others the applications were refused.

IN REFERRING to the last report of the Montreal Board of Health the Montreal Medical Journal (of January, '90) complains strongly of the inefficiency of the staff of the Board, that is, as to numbers, and to their low salaries. The