

reported out of committee, will be reintroduced in the 1913 session. The measure was fostered by the State Board of Health, which will assume a like responsibility next winter. Less than a year after this bill had been smothered, Dean Walter T. Sumner, of Chicago, gained widespread attention by announcing his determination not to marry couples in the future who do not come provided with health certificates given after examination by competent physicians. Fortified with this example, the State Board of Health will press the new bill for passage.

The last monthly report of Colonel Gorgas, the chief sanitary officer of the Panama Canal zone, is interesting as indicating that rabies in animals has been as completely obliterated as many of the diseases of human beings. The disease in the canal zone appeared among animals early in 1908 or late in 1907. The affection was introduced from the United States. It is evident that with proper sanitary regulations this affection, which so often results fatally among human beings and causes suffering and fatality among animals, may be entirely stamped out. The power of sanitary regulations over every phase of disease becomes strikingly manifest where, as at Panama, efficient control can be secured by the sanitary authorities.

The Michigan State Board of Health is investigating sanitary condition of depots throughout the State. The campaign is being carried on through the local health officials.

The Alabama State Board of Health is co-operating with the State Agricultural Department in arranging the operation of the farmer's exhibit train which will be run through the State, stopping at all important points. The Board of Health will have representatives on the train to distribute health literature to the farmers and their families and these representatives will also make a special study of health conditions in each community.

The State Board of Health in Indiana has made it compulsory for every saloon-

keeper who sets up a free lunch to provide each patron with an individual spoon, knife and fork. Besides this, there must be glass cases or other covers to keep off the flies and dust. The old times when Mr. Fly could swarm in every place where food for human beings was stored or prepared, from butcher shops and grocery stores and kitchens to the dining-room itself, have departed from Indiana at least.

Headache powders are blamed for an increase in deaths from heart failure in St. Paul by Howard Lankester, Health Commissioner. Since 1896 the annual deaths from heart failure have increased from 86 to 246 in the past year.

Over 700 farmers of Ford and adjacent counties in Kansas have signed a petition protesting against the ruling of the Kansas Board of Health, pronouncing wheat containing one and one-half pound of weed seed adulterated. The petition's presentation has been delayed because of the intense interests. The farmers call the ruling an outrage.

Advance Notices, Alphabetical.

American Association for the Advancement of Science, Cleveland, Ohio, December 30, 1912, to January 4, 1913.

American Hospital Association, Detroit, September 24-27, inclusive, 1912.

American Institute of Architects, Washington, D.C., during December, 1912.

Charities, National Conference of Catholic Washington, D.C., September 22-26. Secretary, Rev. Dr. William J. Kerby, Catholic University, Washington, D.C.

Infant Mortality, American Association for Study and Prevention of. Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 2-5. Executive Secretary, Gertrude B. Knipp, Medical and Chirurgical Faculty Building, 1211 Cathedral St., Baltimore, Md.

Municipal Improvement, American society on. Dallas, Texas, November 12-16. Secretary, A. Prescott Folwell, 50 Union Square, New York.

National Dental Association, Washington, D.C., September 10-13, inclusive, 1912.

Pellagra, National Association for the Study of. Columbia, S.C., October 3-4. Information may be secured from Dr. J. W. Babcock, Columbia, S.C.
Red Cross, American, Washington, D.C. December. Secretary, Charles L. Magee, Washington, D.C.

Road Builders' Association. Ninth annual convention, Cincinnati, December 3, 4, 5 and 6, 1912. The Secretary, 150 Nassau St., New York City.