

Health Association, to be held in Milwaukee in November next : I. Pollution of Water Supplies ; II. The Disposal of Refuse Matter of Cities ; III. Animal Diseases Dangerous to Man ; and IV. Maritime Quarantine, and Regulations for the Control of Contagious and Infectious Diseases, and their Mutual Relations.

COMPULSORY notification of infectious diseases is making fair progress in England. In Salford, the mortality from scarlet fever has been 38 per cent. less since notification has been practised there than it was during the previous five years. It is proposed to pass a general Act promoting it or making it compulsory throughout the whole country.

WHILE danger lurks in most of our public water supplies, and still more in many private wells, it is satisfactory to know that the Caledonia Seltzer can be had at most of the principal grocers and hotels, and is a pure natural mineral water, a delicious and safe beverage, probably superior to any imported table water.

DR. SWEETLAND, member of the Ottawa Board of Health, put the whole sanitary trouble of the city in a nutshell when he stated at a meeting of the board that "there had been no life in the board." Life there has been a "long-felt want." A thoroughly-alive board could soon mend matters.

#### NOTES ON CURRENT LITERATURE.

CANADIAN LEAVES—History, Art, Science, Literature, Commerce—A series of new papers read before the Canadian Club of New York, form a very nice volume indeed, and creditable to the publisher, to the gentlemen who contributed the valuable papers, and to the Club. We have found "The Future of Canada," by Edmund Collins, most interesting, and agree with the writer that "national independence is the most natural and logical future for Canada." "Echoes from Old Acadia," by Prof. Chas. G. D. Roberts, is an attractive paper. Every one of the papers is highly instructive. Prof. Goldwin Smith's "Schism in the Anglo-Saxon Race" is very comprehensive, as also is the Rev. J. C. Eccleston's "Great Canadian North-West." Mr. Wiman, in "The Advantages of Commercial Union," tends to make one believe there must be something in it. He shows that there are now about one million Canadians in the United States. There are twelve papers in all. Two notable ones are "Canada First," by Principal Grant, and the "Mineral Resources of Canada," by John McDougall. Sandwiched in with this nutritious mental treat is a tasty morsel by J. W. Bengough, "The Humorous Side of Canadian History," which, it is enough to say, is characteristic. "The Literature of Canada," in a paper under that head, does not receive justice. We agree with the writer that the most that is needed to give Canadian literature a higher status is a "leisure class." But that "we have had to write our books under our breath" is as far-fetched and inaccurate as that authorship here has failed "entirely to butter our parsnips" is commonplace