

fined to passing on the character of those asking for membership, and not to making enquiry into the status and professional conduct of those already members. Report concluded :

"That rules of order 6 and 7 had not heretofore been strictly observed ; the mode of admission of members has, therefore, been informal, irregular, embarrassing to the Committee and, if persisted in, may allow of the introduction of persons unworthy of a place in this Association."

It was moved by Drs. Powell and Miller : "That the Committee on Ethics be requested to consider the names of those who have this year signed the register and tendered their fees, and who, having at some time in the past been admitted to membership, have not now been passed upon by the Committee on Credentials ; also that the report of the Committee be made to this Association at half-past four this afternoon." Carried.

GENERAL NOTES

The Spanish Medical Congress is to be held in Barcelona in September. Amongst the many important subjects to be discussed are, "The present state of Leprosy in Spain, and how to prevent it from spreading" ; and the "Etiology and Prophylaxis of Cholera and Yellow Fever."

During the past winter session there were the following number of students at German Universities :—Vienna had 2,287, Munich 1,369, Berlin 1,516, Leipzig 794.

A Board has been appointed in Pennsylvania by the Governor to select sites and erect State Hospitals for injured persons within the bituminous and semi-bituminous regions of Pennsylvania.

The following from the death statistics shows the necessity for municipal sanitary work in Montreal :—Of the total, 5,286, 488 died from diphtheria, 101 from typhoid, 744 from diarrhoeal diseases, and 470 from consumption.

Salkowski states that chloroform, 1 to 200 of water, is an anti-ferment, preserving urine and preventing alcoholic, lactic acid and other fermentations, but does not affect the action of the enzymes or unorganized ferments.

Yellow fever and small-pox prevail in Havana, Cuba, while the United States Marine Hospital service was telegraphed, May 6th, that a British steam yacht, *Lancashire*, had sailed for New York, probably, with several cases of suspicious diarrhoea.

M. Durand Clayé, the great hydraulic and sanitary engineer of Paris, France, is dead. To him is due the immense work of utilizing sewage on the sands of Genevilliers, where hundreds of acres are now made fertile with the sewage of Paris.

Sulphonal — diethyl-sulphondimethylmethan $(CH_3)_2C=C(C_2H_5SO_2)_2$ is the latest hypnotic. It is popularly prescribed by causing the patient to fix his attention on the spelling of it, till fagged out he falls asleep, dreaming of Baumann, of Freiburg, the discoverer.

Prof. Bayley Balfour has just delivered his inaugural address as the newly appointed lecturer in the Botany Department of Edinburgh University. This is but another evidence of the persistency of type, the Balfour family having been botanists and scientists for several generations.

Lord Selborne is to be chairman of a Royal Commission on University Education in London. Much dissatisfaction exists at the insufficiency of a teaching staff in connection with the University of London. It is time London had a creditable University ; but such institutions grow, and are not made.

It is calculated that 30 per cent. or 7,000 out of 22,000 blind persons in Britain have become so through neglected purulent ophthalmia in infancy. This but lends force to what was said editorially in MEDICAL SCIENCE in the April issue on the importance of general practitioners paying more attention to eye diseases.

Sanitarians will learn with deep regret of the death of Prof. de Chaumont, Parkes' successor as Professor of Hygiene at the Royal Army School, Netley. His scientific attainments especially fitted him to be a teacher. He was frequently employed by the Local Government Board to carry on sanitary enquiries. He had great social accomplishments ; agreeable, courteous and considerate, he was universally beloved. He died of heart failure.