

Society Reports.

International Association of Railway Surgeons.

THE eleventh annual meeting of this Association was held in this city July 6th, 7th and 8th, in the buildings of the Department of Education, and was largely attended by a brainy and astute aggregation of surgeons connected with the railway system of this continent. Representatives came from Texas on the Mexican border and from as far west as Medicine Hat, N.W.T. Dr. Bruce L. Riordan, of Toronto, was elected President for next year.

Dr. Bruce L. Riordan, as Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, opened the meeting shortly after ten o'clock, and called upon the President, Dr. George Ross, of Richmond, Va., to take the chair.

Rev. Dr. McCaughan then opened the meeting with prayer.

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and proposals for membership followed. Dr. E. R. Lewis, of Kansas City, the Treasurer, read his report, which dealt with this question. During the past year 886 registrations have been made, 447 registrations having taken place for the present year, making a total of 1,199 registrations since the books of 1897 were closed. This is the best beginning of any year in the Treasurer's experience.

"Notwithstanding the humanitarian war our States are to-day engaged in," said the report, "our members are, without exception, deeply interested in our philanthropic work, and the large increase in our Canadian membership insures our continued proud position as the strongest surgical organization in the world known to the undersigned."

Dr. Lewis then discussed the finances of the Association. "Four years ago," he said, "when we were elected treasurer, our indebtedness was about five hundred dollars. To-day, July 1st, we have in the treasury about \$833.65, with but few bills to be deducted." They had at the moment, Dr. Lewis added, about \$1,200 or \$1,300 in cash on hand. The report was dealt with through the usual channels.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF EMPLOYEES.

Dr. G. P. Conn, of Concord, N.H., read his paper. After quoting the dictum that the common carrier is liable to all losses sustained through its own neglect, but is not an insurer, Dr. Conn pointed out that the corporations owe duties to their servants, and from this deduced the theory that the railway companies should take pains to