

was 11.1 per 1,000 of the population. Of all the marriages 93 per cent. were by license and 7 per cent. by the publication of banns.

The causes of death that ranked highest were: Organic heart disease, 8.4 per cent.; tuberculosis, 7 per cent.; cancer, 5.5 per cent.; pneumonia, 5 per cent.; infantile diarrhœa, 3.5 per cent.; diseases of the arteries, 3.5 per cent.; cerebral hæmorrhage, 3.2 per cent.; Bright's disease, 2.6 per cent., and paralysis, 1.7 per cent. There were 118 deaths among males to each 100 among females. The deaths due to external causes numbered 1,831, of which 78 per cent. were males and 22 per cent. females. Typhoid fever and tuberculosis showed a decrease over the previous year, but heart diseases and Bright's disease gave an increase. With regard to tuberculosis 49 per cent. were males and 51 per cent. females. Deaths from infectious diseases, such as diphtheria, typhoid fever, and tuberculosis, showed a decrease, but deaths from organic diseases, such as cancer, heart affections and Bright's disease, yielded an increase.

AN ADVANCE IN SURGERY.

The formation of the American College of Surgeons is a long step onwards in the direction of sound and scientific surgery on this continent. Surgery is a science and an art. The one who wishes to be a good surgeon must be a good physician. He must know the treatment of disease as it is taught by the best exponents of internal medicine.

But this is not all. The one who would be a good surgeon must study the art of surgery as practised by the best surgeons of the day. He must know *how* to do, as well as *why* he should do an operation for the relief of suffering or the cure of disease.

In the promotion of both of these aims there is a great future in store for the new College of Surgery, if it will only lay down a high ideal and honestly live up to it. If it will be made impossible for one to become a Fellow who is not sound in his science and accurate in his art, or who has any fault in his view of the ethics that govern the medical profession, then the College will wield a mighty influence for good.

The officers elected at the recent convention in Chicago are: Dr. Finney, president; Dr. Chipman, Montreal, 1st vice-president; Dr. Watson, New Orleans, 2nd vice-president; Dr. F. Martin, Chicago, general secretary, and Dr. Ochsner, Chicago, treasurer. The profession will expect much of these gentlemen. They all bear a high reputation now, and they must do nothing to impair the same.

Each Fellow will be required to make the following declaration: "I hereby promise upon my honor as a just man, that I will, so long as I am a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, practise no division