

When the first part of the resolution recommending confidential notification was put to the meeting a number voted against it, though it was carried by a considerable majority. The second part was agreed to without dissent.

SURGICAL SUGGESTIONS

A peritonsillar abscess can be opened almost painlessly if the line of incision in the mucous membrane, and the tissue beneath, are infiltrated with an anesthetic solution injected with a syringe just as one anesthetizes the skin.—*Am. Jour. Surgery.*

OVERCROWDED STREET CARS.—From the *Bulletin* of the Department of Health of the City of Louisville, Ky., for November 15, 1913: A street car crowded to its greatest capacity, all the seats occupied, the aisles jammed with people clinging to straps, swaying against each other, many of them coughing and sneezing, is exceedingly dangerous to the public health. Under such conditions the air breathed is filthy and germ laden from diseased throats and lungs and head colds in active stages. One or two small ventilators, even if always open, are not sufficient.

All that is necessary to improve this condition is to put more cars on during the rush hours and allow only a certain number of passengers to each car. They should not be allowed to stand in the aisles. In most of the cities in Europe the street cars are plainly marked with the seating capacity of the car. When the car contains this number of passengers no more are taken. If European city governments have fully and effectively succeeded in regulating their street car accommodations, why can not we do it in Louisville?