

THE PEABODY DWELLINGS.—No better evidence of the good effect of comfortable homes upon health and longevity could be expected than the following, from the London *Lancet*, April 17, 1875:—"In a paper read before the Statistical Society on 'Improved Dwellings and their Beneficial Effect upon Health and Morals,' it was stated that the average annual rate of mortality during the eight years ending 1874, in the improved dwellings erected by the Metropolitan Association for improving the dwellings of the industrial classes, did not exceed 14 per 1,000 whereas the average rate in the whole of London during that period was 24 per 1,000."

A COURSE OF LECTURES on Sanitary Science is now (May 22nd, 1875, *Med. Times and Gazette*) being delivered by members of the Dublin Sanitary Association. They are intended to be of a popular type, and the public are admitted. According to the *British Medical Journal*, a course of lectures on State Medicine is being delivered by Dr. De Chaumont, under the auspices of the society of Apothecaries, London, England. Sanitary matters are apparently in very a progressive state in England.

IS BRANDY WARMING?—A man, according to the *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*, was brought to the hospital in a comatose state from "having drunk three champagne bottles full of brandy" the day previous. His temperature was found to be only 76 deg. Fahr. Twelve hours later it arose to 91 deg. Fahr.; and not very long after the man became sensible.

CURIOUS STATISTICS.—Dr. Schwalbe has collected the following curious statistics of the mortality of Berlin: The death rate among those inhabiting the cellars was 25·3 per 1000; among the ground floor inhabitants it was 22; in first floor rooms it was 21·6; in second floor 21·8; in third floor 22·6; and in fourth floor or higher 28·2. The mortality being greater in the cellars and highest room; those in the attics in Berlin however it is stated are poorer than those in the cellars.