

IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA the State Medical Society has been legally established, a State Board of Health, and the county Societies are to act as local boards of health. When shall we have such an organization so creditable to the medical profession legally established in Ontario.

THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS calculates that \$50,000,000 might be invested in drainage in the State, without loss, as the generally improved state of health would give so much greater effectiveness to labor.

FOR CONVEYING INVALIDS.—It has been found by actual experiment in England that the "Hammock System" for conveying invalids in railway carriages possesses advantages over all others. Neither jar nor jolt is experienced by the invalid in the hammock. It is now proposed, says the *Popular Science Monthly*, to extend the benefits of the system to the general travelling public, and thus reduce the discomfort of railway travelling to a minimum.

A FRUIT MISSION has been suggested, *Medical and Surgical Reporter*, Philadelphia, to supply the charitable institutions for the sick and poor with good fruit, free. Flower missions have been productive of much good, and sister missions for distributing fruit to the sick and poor could not fail to be equally cheering to many a weary feverish sufferer.

REVIEWS AND BOOK NOTICES.

LECTURES ON PUBLIC HEALTH, delivered in the Lecture Hall of the Royal Dublin Society, pp. 203: Hodges, Foster, & Co., Dublin.

This is a volume containing ten lectures, delivered as a scientific series, under the auspices of the Royal Dublin Society, and a Sanitary Association recently formed for promoting a knowledge of Public Health. They are illustrated with maps and diagrams, are replete with valuable information, and will well repay attentive study; having been delivered by men of experience and position. Though Ireland has heretofore been behind Great Britain in sanitary matters, much is now being done in this way, and Trinity College, Dublin, has been the first of all the Universities to establish a qualification in State Medicine.

The introductory lecture of this series, by Wm. Stokes, M.D., D.C.L., F.R.S., &c., (Reg. Prof., Univ. Dub.), on "Sanitary