

ledge that at least one of them produced as fine a student body as could be desired, and that a graduate of that school would be welcome on the staff of the Frances Willard Hospital. The Rev. A. S. Kavanagh, superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Brooklyn, read the report of the committee on hospital efficiency, hospital finance, and economics of administration, and incidentally paid a well-merited tribute to the work done by Dr. Doty as health officer of the port of New York. This expression of the gratitude of the citizens of New York to Dr. Doty was peculiarly fitting, in that recently Dr. Doty has been fiercely assailed with charges of neglect of duty by political opponents.

### American Association of Railway Surgeons.

The enactment of uniform laws in the several states to govern sanitary conditions of railroads was discussed at a meeting of the American Association of Railway Surgeons, held in Chicago, October 18, 19 and 20.

At a meeting of the association a year ago attention was called to the difficulty, not to say impossibility, of strict compliance by railroads that are interstate carriers, with the widely varying sanitary laws quoted by the health boards of different states for the regulation of railroad companies. Surgeons representing nearly all the railroads in the country attended the Chicago meeting.

## UNITED STATES

### ADVANCE NOTICES.

*American Association for Highway Improvement*, Nov. 20-24, 1911, First Annual Convention, Richmond, Va., Logan Waller Page, President, United States Office of Public Roads, Washington, D.C. *Health and Sanitary Exposition*, week of November 16th, 1911, in the Coliseum, St. Louis, Mo.; F. W. Payne, manager.

### New York Commission on Congestion of Population.

The commission on congestion of population appointed last year in New York, have made their recommendations, under 14 heads, as follows:

1. Restriction of the height or volume of buildings other than tenements.
2. Restrictions upon the lot occupancy of buildings other than tenements.
3. Restriction upon the height of tenements.
4. Methods of encouraging three family tenements.
5. Measures to prevent room and apartment overcrowding.
6. Measures to secure better conditions of labor.
7. Measures to secure a better distribution of factories.
8. Parks, playgrounds, schools and recreation centres.
9. Measures to keep land cheap and to provide good and cheap housing.
10. Measures to promote health and safety.
11. Distribution of population through municipal control over charities.
12. Immigration.
13. Delinquency.
14. Public squares and buildings.

### Art in Medicine at Johns Hopkins.

An interesting development of medical work is represented by the appointment of a professor of "Art as applied to Medicine" at the *Johns Hopkins University*, Baltimore, Md. It appears that this new subject will chiefly deal with the training of artists for illustrative work in connection with medical and surgical publications, there being those who consider that such work can only be efficiently carried out by experts who have a personal knowledge of technical subjects. If this idea becomes popular it seems as if the future will see a special type of art-medical student at the hospitals.

### Erie County "Fee Splitting."

Certain members of the *Erie County, New York, Medical Society* are accused of fee splitting, or dichotomy. This practice consists of division of the fee for a surgical operation between the surgeon who performs the operation and the medical attendant who sends the patient to that particular surgeon. It is customary for the medical attendant to accompany his patient to the surgeon, and patients are prone to consider such a trip as a friendly duty on the part of their adviser, and sel-