

tember 15, at 10 o'clock a.m., and continue for four days. The sessions of the association will be held at the Ellicott Square. In the building are the hall for the place of meeting, rooms for committees, restaurant, telegraph facilities, club room—in short, every comfort and convenience that would contribute to the success of the meeting. The Executive Committee have selected the following topics for consideration: (1) "The Pollution of Water Supplies"; (2) "The Disposal of Garbage and Refuse"; (3) "Animal Diseases and Animal Food"; (4) "The Nomenclature of Diseases and Forms of Statistics"; (5) "Protective Inoculations in Infectious Diseases"; (6) "National Health Legislation"; (7) "The Cause and Prevention of Diphtheria"; (8) "Causes and Prevention of Infant Mortality"; (9) "Car Sanitation"; (10) "The Prevention of the Spread of Yellow Fever"; (11) "Steamship and Steamboat Sanitation"; (12) "The Transportation and Disposal of the Dead"; (13) "The Use of Alcoholic Drinks from a Sanitary Standpoint"; (14) "The Centennial of Vaccination"; (15) "The Relation of Forestry to Public Health"; (16) "Transportation of Diseased Tissues by Mail"; (17) "River Conservancy Boards of Supervision." Upon all the above subjects special committees have been appointed. Papers will be received upon other sanitary and hygienic subjects also. The local committee have also made ample provision for the entertainment of members and ladies attending.

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THE BLACKSMITH AND THE PHYSICIAN.—A certain man was hanged, and he died, and he left two sons—honest men. Now, one of these sons was a blacksmith, but the other became a physician. And after their father had been taken from them these brothers made their homes in other lands. And the blacksmith would have prospered, but it befell that someone asked him how his father died. And the blacksmith, looking angrily upon him, answered: "He was hung." For the blacksmith was an honest man. Howbeit presently, when a horse was missing, men gathered and seized and hanged the blacksmith, saying: "This man must take after his father." So the blacksmith did take after his father. And, at the same time, in his own city, one inquired of the physician by what means his father died. And the physician covered his face and wept. But while he wept he considered, saying within himself: "If I say he was hanged then shall I shock this man, and give him pain. Nevertheless I must tell the truth." He said, therefore: "My father died of heart failure." And again he wept, the questioner weeping with him. Then, this being told, men said: "Doubtless, since his father died of heart failure this good physician and loving son has made a study of kindred diseases." So they resorted unto him. And the physician became a specialist, and he looked at them who came in, and coughed once and sneezed twice, and demanded \$100. And they gave gladly. For the physician was an honest man.—*Indian Medical Record.*

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A CASE OF SOMNAMBULISM.—On awaking one morning recently, a Dutch farmer, of Heerenneen (Drenthe), perceived with astonishment that his wife was no longer in bed beside him. In one corner of the room lay her shoes, and in another her clothing, but of the good dame herself not a trace could he find