

of the visitors. The officers elected for the ensuing year are : George M. Sternberg, D.C., president ; J. M. Matthews, Kentucky, first vice-president ; W. H. Thompson, Indiana, second vice-president. Dr. W. B. Atkinson, Philadelphia, was retained as permanent secretary. After a spirited discussion, the committee on place of meeting selected Denver, Colorado, for the session of 1898. A more extended report will appear in a later issue.

THE bubonic plague at Bombay is reported to be rapidly waning. At the end of December it reached its climax with 1,400 or more deaths a week. It has now fallen to less than one-third of that mortality. The city of Bombay is undergoing a thorough sanitary renovation ; 130,000 dwelling-houses were condemned, 109 ordered rebuilt, tiles removed from 1,027, floors dug up in 492, several hundred were lime-washed, 299 ordered vacated, and three destroyed by fire. Indeed, the infected quarter is being dealt with in a fashion beyond the criticism of the most advanced sanitarian. It is doubtful if a more satisfactory sanitary achievement has ever been made before, and it reflects the highest credit on the administrators of sanitary law in that plague-stricken city.
—*Buffalo Medical Journal*.

SIR JOHN ERICHSEN'S WILL.—The will of Sir John Erichsen, the terms of which have just been made public, contains many details of interest. In the first place, considerable surprise has been expressed that the sum bequeathed to University College Hospital was no more than £2,000, which, by the way, is exclusively left to the rebuilding fund, and not for the purposes of maintenance. By many persons interested in the charity it was thought that Sir John Erichsen would have conferred a handsome endowment upon the hospital, reaching many thousands of pounds. Mr. Christopher Heath and Mr. W. A. Meredith are bequeathed the moiety of the copyright, in equal shares, of the testator's well-known work, "The Art and Science of Surgery," exclusive however, of the profits on the tenth, or present, edition. The Royal College of Surgeons receives Sir John's bust, in marble, by Thorneycroft. A great-niece is the chief legatee ; she is left £20,000, and takes the half-share of the residuary estate, with her father. The value of the personal estate was £88,619. It was reported in the newspapers that Mr. Heath and Mr. Meredith had each received a legacy of £5,000, but this statement was incorrect.

HE OBSERVED TOO MUCH.—Papa : Don't you think he is very large for his age?—only fourteen months. Friend : Ye-es. Do you know, I've observed that most babies are large for their age.—*Puck*.

IT MADE HIM STUTTER.—First Deaf-Mute (speaking by finger-signs) : What makes you stutter so? Second Deaf-Mute (speaking ditto) : I can't help it. I fell off my bicycle yesterday and sprained my first finger.—*Judge*.