

CHOLERA AND CLEANLINESS.—In a minute history of the spread of the epidemic cholera in 1847 through Asia and a part of Europe, the author, Dr. Verrolot, physician to the French Embassy, describes its general spread, and terrible ravages, from the shores of the Caspian sea up the river Volga, among the semi-civilized Musselmans, and still more filthy and degraded Russians, and mentions with great, but reasonable enthusiasm, one place as a remarkable exception. (Dr. Holly, in *Detroit Review of Med.*) There is a small Moravian colony called Sarepta, situated in the bend of the river in the midst of the Kalmuck hordes, eulogized by all travellers for its remarkable industry and minute cleanliness and for all other fortunate and laudable features of character. The cholera seemed to respect this sacred spot, passing by in 1830 and again in 1847 without inflicting on it the least evil. This fact, corroborated as it is by others of like character, speaks volumes on the subject of prevention, and leaves nothing further necessary to be said. Prof. Palmer sententiously remarks: "If the inhabited globe were a Sarepta, this terrible scourge would disappear from it forever."

PUT YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER.—Though highly important that cellars and back yards should at all times be kept free from all decomposing organic matter and dampness or standing water, it is particularly essential that such places should be looked closely after in this way during the coming warm season. Any earth which has been saturated with slops should be entirely removed, and if necessary, fresh dry earth substituted, and any parts emitting the slightest odor should be disinfected. A quantity of dry earth, coal ashes, or some finely powdered ferri sulphate (copperas) should be repeatedly thrown into all privy vaults, and about stables. By a little timely attention to such matters much suffering may be prevented as well as money saved.

MR. SIMON'S RESIGNATION.—It is rumoured that Mr. Simon whose health reports are so highly valued in Great Britain and elsewhere, contemplates resigning his official post. Anything more disastrous to practical and scientific hygiene at the present moment in this country we cannot well conceive, says the *Lancet*. Dr. Parkes's loss to the public by death was an irreparable but uncontrollable misfortune; Mr. Simon's resignation while in the fullest vigor of his unrivalled powers would be a loss to the public involving the gravest responsibility, and which can hardly go unquestioned.