

MANUAL FOR MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH. By Edward Smith, M.D., LL.B. (Lond.) F.R.S., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, &c., &c. (Knight & Co., London) Second edition.

The absence of any well established scheme of action on the part of our governments, necessitates the action of local corporations. But our Board of Health, having less experience than those in England, we of course naturally look for information abroad; besides, the experience of the English Boards is far before that of any other nation, so we cannot do better than endeavor to follow out the advice given by those who have made Sanitary Science a life long study. We commend to our Health Officers the many new and valuable suggestions to be found in Dr. Smith's manual. The science in some of its aspects will be comparatively new to the *Medical Officers and Inspector*; and newer still to the members of the Board. It embraces much that is not included in medical education, and which can be acquired by special study only. The author has taken a wide range, and offers a variety of information on the most important parts of the subject. It is difficult to lay down special duties to be performed by all health officers, as in every district circumstances alter cases; but there are general principles which must be understood and acted upon at the discretion of the health officer,—these are laid down very distinctly by the author. We would suggest that our Board begin by forming a library of reference upon sanitary science, and supply our officers with all the perfected information that is available. Such money would be well invested, and repay in the end every dollar of outlay a thousand fold. Dr. Smith's work should be one of the first purchases.

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Books and Pamphlets Received.

- "On Personal Care of Health," by E. A. Parkes, M.D., F.R.S.
- "Industrial Canada," by A. Baumgarten, Ph. D.
- "Address of the President of the *Kuklos Club*."
- "Physicians' Combined Book and Tablet," by Ralph Walsh, M.D. (Second Edition).