

the law obliges the municipal authorities to adopt measures to check it and prevent its propagation.

Q. Of what utility is the notification of contagious cases?

A. To check a contagious disease we must first know where it is. How can we know, except some one make it his duty to disclose its whereabouts? The administrative power, which does all it can to ensure the health of the public, imposes on the physician the obligation of making known contagious cases. This obligation, which is based on the fact that everyone is as responsible for the health of others as for his own, is imposed for the benefit of one and all.

Q. What is the object of disinfection?

A. To destroy the microbes of disease in the air, on clothing, on objects in general and in dwellings. Even when grief-stricken, we should not forget the interest of others. The linen of any one who has died of an infectious disease, should be disinfected before it is delivered to the washerwoman, as she or her help are liable to contract it. Would it not be shameful and cowardly to act otherwise? Let us do for others what we would wish they would do for us.

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