

does not step aside to visit a community with his wrath, unless, by the neglect of certain known laws, they earn for themselves such visitation.

There is little doubt that the London of 1664 needed the visitation of plague, pestilence, and fire to make it the London of 1864. We write with a view of calling public attention to this subject and of endeavoring, if possible, to force on our city the adoption of a code of sanitary regulations.

PHYSICIANS' FEES.

The rapid advance in everything, which our neighbors of the United States have had to submit to, owing to the depreciation of their currency, has at last told upon the medical profession, and the result has been a corresponding advance in the scale of charges for professional visits and consultations. In Boston the Medical Association has fixed the following tariff. For a visit in any case, \$3 to \$5. Visits in regular attendance (medical, surgical, or obstetrical) \$3; extraordinary service, detention, or unusual responsibility, the fee to be proportionately increased; consultation visit, \$5 to \$10; visit between 9 a. m. and 8 p. m., \$5 to \$10; for attendance out of the city, mileage to be charged for short distances, \$1 to \$2, and on railroads from 50 cents to \$1 per mile. Office advice, \$3 to \$20; for opinions involving questions at law, in which the physician may be subpoenaed \$50; for detention in court on matters involving a professional opinion, \$50 a day; obstetrical attendance, \$24 to \$60, with extra charges for detention, consultations, or obstetrical operations.

Other portions of the United States have made the same move, and there is no doubt but that it must become universal. In our own city for the last twenty years, living has slowly though steadily increased, till at this moment the necessities of life are fully double what they were then; and we presume, at all events to some extent, that this is applicable to every city in the Province, and, in a lesser degree, in the country. Physicians' charges in Montreal are about as varied as they well can be, and we think the profession is unmindful of its own interests, when they allow it so to continue. Some seventeen years ago the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Montreal adopted and published a tariff of charges, which is now almost totally disregarded. What we consider essential is a thorough understanding among medical men, as to the charges to be made for professional services, and a strict adherence to them. We have frequently heard it mentioned by junior practitioners, that it is a constant source of worry and annoyance to them after presenting a bill for attendance, which, according to the supposed charges