

cently been authoritatively declared by the Local Government Board in the following case. Scarlet fever of a mild description was imported into the families of some "Peculiar People," living in a village, who kept the matter secret. The children attended the National and Dame's Schools during the desquamative stage of the disease, and, through these schools, infected a portion of the village. I recommended that both of the schools should be temporarily closed. The clergyman of the parish, who had the control of the National Schools, consented. The periodical inspection and examination of the children had just been completed, and there was no danger of losing the grant. The old dame who taught the very young children of the parish, and who had to maintain her still older husband (above eighty) out of her weekly earnings, also closed her school; but very naturally looked for some compensation, as she could not afford to be deprived of her weekly pittance. The legal adviser of the Sanitary Authority wrote to the Local Government Board, asking, whether the Sanitary Authority could compensate the poor dame for the loss she would sustain by the closure of her school. The Local Government Board replied in the negative. In a former case of this kind I was obliged to compensate the dame out of my own pocket, as it was impossible to allow the poor creature to suffer. If village dames refuse to close their schools when engaged in propagating disease, there exists no power to compel them to do so.

To detail more cases of this description is needless. Dozens, all telling the same tale, are to be found published in medical and sanitary journals. Perhaps the most recent in the recollection of sanitarians will be that of the distribution of the scarlet-fever poison through the medium of cream, at a West-end party; and that of the discovery of a case of small-pox in a milk-shop at Manchester.

A cottage, used as a laundry or as a butcher's shop, may lodge in its bedrooms cases of typhus fever; a private school may disseminate scarlet fever through a district by means of its day scholars; a grocer's shop or public-house may be served by those who have just come from the bedside of persons dying upstairs of small-pox; the cottage of the village postwoman may