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CHOLERA IN SPAIN.

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It is far from clear what will be the result of Dr. Ferran's work, for if the anti-cholera inoculations have warm partisans they continue to have numerous opponents among the most eminent savants. The Scientific Commission appointed by the Spanish Government to study this question, and the Madrid Academy of Medicine have agreed upon this point that the prevailing scourge is truly the Asiatic cholera-morbus, and that the vaccine which Dr. Ferran uses contains the comma bacilli, but while the Commission maintain that the inoculation is entirely harmless, the Academy acknowledged that in producing artificial cholera, dangerous accidents may ensue. As to the efficacy of the process neither has pronounced for the reason that they do not even now possess sufficient proof. Be it as it may the Spanish Government which at first forbade the practice of inoculation, has authorized Dr. Ferran to employ his system in the towns affected by the epidemic. Let us hope that it will succeed in conquering the terrible scourge that is decimating Spain.

It is proper however to make known a fact of very great gravity and which has raised up numerous adversaries of the Spanish doctor. France and Belgium sent delegates into Spain in order to study the methods of Dr. Ferran. It appears that the latter refused to submit to their examination the virus which he uses in his inoculations. On his return, Dr. Brouardel, chief of the French mission, made a report altogether unfavorable to this process of anti-cholera vaccination.