

THE YELLOW FEVER IN 1878.—Some months ago, a committee of so-called experts was formed in the United States, empowered by Congress to glean all particulars in connexion with the late disastrous epidemic. Including the thirty-four infected cities and towns visited by the Yellow Fever Commission, more than fifty localities were carefully and personally examined. A great number of facts were thus gathered, but the urgent demands for public health legislation during the late session of Congress caused much haste in dealing with this very large subject. It appears that at least 100,000 persons were stricken with the disease last year, and that 20,000 lives were sacrificed. Of this number it is stated that about three-fifths were minors and two-fifths adults, and the expenditure in money in connexion with the epidemic amounted to at least \$15,500,000.

In the Louisiana State Board of Health for 1878 is an official account of the terrible epidemic in New Orleans in that year.

Births reported for the year (exclusive of still-births), 2,629. Marriages, 1,455.

The total mortality in that city, from all causes, for the year 1878 (exclusive of 399 still-born), was 10,318, of which 8,062 were whites and 2,256 colored. Ratio per thousand of population, 50.17,—55.32 of whites and 39.13 colored.

Deaths from yellow fever, 4,046—3,863 whites, 183 colored. Deducting yellow fever: Deaths from all other diseases, 6,272—ratio per 1,000 of population, 30.02, or 28.81 of whites and 35.95 colored. Ratio of mortality from yellow fever, 19.80; from malarial fevers, 3.77. Deaths from small-pox, 151.

SANITARY PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATIONS.—In the early part of 1878, a Sanitary Protective Association, for the sanitary inspection of houses, &c., was formed in Edinburgh, Scotland. The first annual meeting of the Association was held on the 26th of March last, when its members numbered nearly 500. Every member had had his house inspected, or had an opportunity of inspection offered. We have received a report of the first years' work, and shall notice it more at length in a future number.

A similar association, the first in America, has been formed more recently in Newport, R. I., U. S., with a council of eminent men, physicians and others. When will similar associations be formed in Toronto and other Canadian Cities?