

EDUCATION AND CRIME.—We are glad to observe that the *St. Croix Courier* (N. B.) has been discussing this important question. Some time ago statistics were published in the *Detroit Lancet* showing that crime has been proportionately much more prevalent in the New England States (U. S. A.), where education has been so general, than in the Southern States, with much more limited “educational advantages” (?). We shall endeavor to obtain these statistics and refer to them again.

SMALLPOX STAMPED OUT BY GENERAL SANITATION.—In *Wednesbury* (*Med. Times and Gaz.*) the Sanitary Authority has succeeded in stamping out smallpox in the district, where it has prevailed for two years. The disease was brought into the town, and seven hundred cases have occurred, resulting in fifty deaths. *A thorough system of isolation* was carried out, and the authorities erected marquees in a field, to which affected persons were immediately removed.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE of the Canada Medical Association for the ensuing year consists of Drs. Canniff, Oldright, Robillard, Yeomans, Harding, Larocque, Playter, Bottsford, Worthington, Wickwire, Covernton and Bryce.

THE BACILLUS OF CONSUMPTION has been discovered by R. Ransome in the vapor of the breath of persons in an advanced stage of this disease. “Moral,” don’t re-breathe the breath of one affected with consumption.

OYSTER SEASON AGAIN.—The raw or merely warmed oyster is almost self-digestive. Much heat destroys a natural digestive principle it contains. When cooked it must be digested like other animal foods.

THE MICROCOCCUS OF CEREBRO-SPINAL MENINGITIS — Herr Leyden has demonstrated this organism before the Berlin Society of Medicine.

CURED HIMSELF.—Mark Twain claims that last year, by chopping wood, he cured himself of thirteen different and distinct diseases.

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## BOOK NOTICES.

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TRANSACTIONS OF THE MICHIGAN STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY for the year 1883. Lansing, Mich. : W. S. George & Co.

REPORT ON DISEASES OF WOMEN FROM THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. By R. J. Nunn, M.D., Savannah, Ga. Reprint from the Transactions of the Medical Association of Georgia.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND STATISTICS, Province of Manitoba, for the year 1882, a book of over 300 pp., with an unusually large proportion of solid reading matter relating to the crops (fruits, grasses, grains), stock, manufactures, railways, and to the vital statistics of the province. It contains an interesting report of the Provincial Medical health officer, James Kerr, M.D., on smallpox there, and on typhoid fever and the water supply.