

munity to which we are daily beholden for our most ordinary comforts, and they have an undoubted claim upon us to be protected from preventable diseases.

We do not intend to give any very elaborate statistical information, for we cannot, owing to the fact that the new law of the Local Legislature is not in working order yet, but in the course of publication we shall make use of those of the old country, but briefly and only as they may apply to our own cities, which are advancing in population and manufactories, slowly but successfully. They are necessary to touch upon also as furnishing information which, if attended to, would certainly lead to the saving of life.

In the unhealthy districts of some large manufacturing towns not less than one-third, and even a greater proportion, of the children ushered into this world never see the fifth anniversary of their natal day, and the question may well be asked: What is the cause? Simply this, the unhealthy condition of the dwelling houses of the poorer classes, the unjustifiable use of stimulants, drugs, and quack medicines, containing opium, the prejudices, neglect, and ignorance of nurses and mothers, and other preventable causes. Dr. Lanner says, that so directly is infant life influenced by bad or good treatment, that less than a century ago, the London workhouses presented the almost incredible result of 23 deaths in every 24 infants under one year of age, and this was allowed to go on for some time, till a parliamentary inquiry brought it to light, and then means were taken to send the infant poor to be farmed in the country, and at suitable distances from town. The result was, that the death rate in one year was reduced from 2,600 to 450 a year.—Obtained from the *Lancet* of 1835 and 1836.

Disease and untimely death result not from necessity or from chance, or accident, but really from the infringement of those laws and conditions, on the due observance of which the Creator has decreed, that the health and welfare of the various organs of the body shall depend. As surely as we make sanitary improvements, so certainly will our yearly death rate diminish, and that of infancy in particular. The principal laws for the preservation of infant health are very simple. Pure air, cleanliness, suitable