

CHOLERA CONDUCTORS.

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PRIOR to the advent of the cholera in England, in the spring of 1832, a placard was daily carried through the streets of London, by order of the civil authorities, or by the provisions of the benevolent (I do not know which), having, in large capitals, the words: "ALL SPIRIT DRINKERS WILL BE THE FIRST VICTIMS OF THE CHOLERA." The result was that few persons had the cholera in that city.

In the cities of New York and Albany, the same year, thousands of posters bearing this caution were put up, with good effect: "QUIT DRAM-DRINKING IF YOU WOULD NOT HAVE THE CHOLERA." This arose from the fact that, however writers and theorists may differ about contagion and non-contagion, on this point they all agree, that Intemperance predisposes to cholera; that its march in every country has been written in characters so plain that he who runs may read. The *intemperate* are its first victims, and make up nine-tenths of its subjects; and everywhere the cholera has manifested such an affinity for the intemperate, that they have been—not inappropriately—denominated CHOLERA CONDUCTORS!

Now that this terrific disease has found a lodgment on our shores, and the municipal authorities and sanitary commissioners are industriously and faithfully cleansing our cities, and men are cautiously avoiding every article of food which may produce the fatal malady; now that multitudes of people are furnishing their houses and filling their pockets with medicines, and thus preparing themselves for the approach of the common enemy, whatever tends, in any degree, to throw light upon the causes of cholera and its preventatives is of the deepest interest. We have gathered together, with much labor and care, startling facts, that have never been controverted, and which evince, unmistakably, the correctness of the opinion as above stated.

Monsieur Huber said of 2,160 persons whom he saw die in twenty-one days in one town in Russia: "It is a most remarkable circumstance that persons given to drinking have been swept away like flies. In Tiflis, containing 20,000 inhabitants, *every drunkard has fallen—all are dead—not one remains.*" Nearly all of the 30,000 persons who died of cholera in Paris during its last visit were in the habit of using strong drink, and nine-tenths of those who perished by the malady in Poland were of the same class. Throughout England, Ireland and Scotland, it was not known that a single member of a Temperance society died of this disease during its ravages in 1832, while it is computed that five-sixths of all