

The International Sanitary Conference.

The result of the work of the International Sanitary Conference recently held in Paris, has just been made public, and the object of this conference to enact measures preventing the spread of infections and contagious diseases, especially those of an epidemic form, is well known. The conference this year deals more particularly with Asiatic cholera and the endeavor is to cut off cholera at its starting place in India rather than to let it loose over the country and then to quarantine infected places.

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