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ruled by divine mercy for good, and been productive of many
valuable social advantages, which are of a permanent character,
and will yield much benefit to mankind, when the calamity
itself shall have been long forgotten.

Not only have we become far better acquainted with the
nature of the disease, and the means of its cure and avoid-
ance, but it has been the cause of introducing many improve-
ments which will add much to the physical comfort of the
community. Far greater attention is now paid to the cleanli-
ness of our towns and cities—to the purifying of the atmos-
phere, to the better ventilation of the houses of the poor—to
the encouragement of temperate habits—to the supply of warm
clothing to the needy, and nourishing and healthy food. The
kind sympathy of the rich has been called forth to the assist-
ance of their more unfortunate neighbours, and the distance
between the different classes of society has been lessened by
acts of generous kindness on the one side, and grateful
acceptance on the other. Moreover it has been shewn that
cholera, in its first stage, is by no means unmanageable by



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