

THE Austrian Minister of Public Instruction has forwarded to all school authorities instructions as to the carrying out of disinfection, based on the recommendations of the Superior Sanitary Council.

THE candy makers of New York are being scandalized. It appears certain of them, after getting up a name for making pure candies, now trade upon it and supply, especially to the country trade, inferior goods. Consumers must beware.

A NEW disinfecting apparatus for the disinfection of all books that have been out, is now in operation in the Sheffield (Eng.) free library. As a very high degree of heat is injurious to books the apparatus is on the principle of the vaporization of carbolic acid at a temperature of 150° to 200° F, to which they are subjected for 15 minutes, when they are "sweet" and "clean" and "in every way improved."

AMENDMENTS of the Public Health Act, England, has been urged, and is likely to be carried, probably in the present session of Parliament, in reference to sleeping rooms and the general structure of dwellings, also the inspection of houses during construction, that no improper materials should be used; to prevent pollution of water courses; the licensing of common lodging houses; increased powers against offenders of the Pure Foods Act; and extended powers for the notification of cases of infectious disease.

DR. BELL, of the Sanitarian, writes to state that, in reference to our remarks on the N. Y. Quarantine in our last issue, he did not say that the state executive was responsible, but simply that the Quarantine authorities gave this as a reason for the disgraceful condition of the system.

DR. BURROWS, Med. H.O. of Lindsay, Ont., president elect of the Association of Executive Health Officers, at the late annual meeting of this Association (Feb. 14-16) read an interesting address on the Commercial Value of Sanitation. He said, taking the figures of Dr. C. L. Dana, there are in the United States 1,500,000 daily sick throughout the year, involving a loss of \$142,500,000. We purpose noting some other points on another occasion.

GOOD sanitary progress has of late years been made in Liverpool, Eng. The infant science, with systematic inspectorial and constructive work, have reduced the mortality there from 36 per 1,000 of population per annum in the decade ending 1850, to about 23 per 1,000 in 1887. In 1861-70 it averaged 32.5 per 1,000; in 1871-75, 29.5; in 1876-80, 27.5; in 1881-85, 25.7; in 1886, 23.7; and in 1887, 23.1.

INJURIOUS fungi, it is said, have recently been brought into the market in certain localities as mushrooms, and a number of cases of severe illness have resulted.

AN experienced physician makes objections to the luncheon boxes and baskets in common use, as they become in a little while contaminated and give off bad odors.