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Human and veterinary medicine are so closely related that the consideration of sanitary matters by one has a direct bearing on the sanitary matters connected with the other. The veterinarian as a sanitarian holds a position of equal importance to that of his medical confrere in a like capacity. He is naturally an expert on live stock matters, and in this respect his services are indispensible to the community from a public health standpoint.

The veterinarian is by education a sanitarian. To more forcibly illustrate this, I can do no better than quote a portion of an editorial from the American Veterinary Review. This editorial, stimulated by an announcement of the Faculty of Medicine of Liverpool University that a diploma in Veterinary Hygiene was being offered to veterinarians, on similar lines to the diploma given for Public Health by various institutions in medicine,* is from the pen of Dr. A. Liautard.

"I do not exactly know what the curriculum of the veterinary schools of Great Britain is, but if all the branches which compose the new addition to the Liverpool University were not taught at those institutions, certainly their course was incomplete; and if they were, there can be but little use for a new institution. Hygiene and sanitary medicine are important parts of veterinary education, and have chairs in all European schools."

On this continent the same may be said of the existing veterinary schools. Hygiene and Sanitary Science have chairs, and much attention is paid to their efficiency.

The field is ever widening for the veterinarian with an inclination to study and follow that line of his profession which is intimately identified

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^{*} American Veterinary Review, Vol. 28, p. 316, 1904.