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THE TEACHING OF HYGIENCE TO MEDICAL STUDENTS AND TO THE PUBLIC.

The remarks of Dr. E. P. Lachapelle upon this topic in another page tend to show the increasing importance which is being attached to this branch of medicine. We would especially emphasize the view he maintains that every practitioner has to know not only his hygienic duty towards his patient, but also towards the public as well. The result of successful hygienic teaching in any country should be apparent in the lowering of the death rate and disease rate. To effect this every physician has not only to know the subject himself, but to spread his knowledge amongst his patients and the public, hence the necessity for a thorough college training in this branch.

As an instance of what may be done in the way of educating the public, we may mention that in the English town of Brighton over 80 per cent. of all cases of contagious diseases are treated in the municipal hospital. Education of the public by medical men in the surest means of carrying out successfully and reaping the benefit of those measures, for the immediate execution of which we look to the public board.

Dr. Lachapelle has had every opportunity of studying the question both as a sanitarian and a teacher of hygiene, and his counsel will merit