

plea that they should lose the Government grant, to secure which a certain number of attendances are necessary, although, when a school is closed by reason of the presence of epidemic disease, a reduction in the number requisite to secure the grant is allowed. There existed no legal power to compulsorily close the schools. Contrary to my advice, they were kept open, and they disseminated the disease in a most successful manner throughout the whole parish, which suffered severely.

*CASE IV. Small-pox in a Public-house and Restaurant.*—A traveller who was temporarily lodging in a public-house exhibited an eruption, which proved to be that of small-pox of a confluent kind. On entering the door of this house of public resort I could distinctly recognize the peculiar smell characteristic of the disease. In the bar where men were drinking the odor was still stronger. Trade was going on as usual. No remonstrance had any effect on the publican. There was no exposure of the sufferer, and it could not be proved that there was any exposure of infected articles. From this house the disease spread, and no legal means existed whereby the calamity could be prevented. The public were frightened some time ago by a report of the discovery of a bad case of small-pox lying in a shake-down bed in the kitchen of an eating-house in London. Some strong feelings were aroused as to the dangers to which people are exposed; but the circumstance was soon forgotten, and made no lasting impression on the public mind.

*CASE V. Enteric Fever spread by a Tailoring Establishment.*—A case of enteric fever appeared in the family of a tailor who lived in a small four-roomed house in a terrace. This tailor was employed by the fashionable and principal tailor of the town, who displayed his goods in a large and handsome shop situated in the best street. The assistant tailor, whose four-roomed cottage was his place of business, where clothes were made and repaired, employed under him a journeyman tailor and a sempstress who lived near. On my visiting the assistant-tailor's house I found that work was proceeding as if no fever existed upstairs. Clothes were being manufactured there for the fashionable tailor with the handsome shop, who would soon distribute them to the unsuspecting public. The journeyman tailor and the sempstress