

MANY READERS of this JOURNAL may be undecided where to go for the hot summer holidays, or physicians where to send patients. The Queen's Royal Hotel is a delightful resort situated at Niagara-on-the-Lake, and of which Messrs. McGaw and Winnett, of the Queen's Hotel, Toronto, are the proprietors. It will open for the season on June 20th. As a family hotel the Queen's Royal makes a very desirable residence for the summer months, being situated in a private park, with tennis and croquet lawns, good fishing, bathing, boating, etc.

LATELY published experiences of the Pennsylvania Hospital illustrate an important point for medical officers and others to remember. It is clearly shown that typhoid patients brought to hospital before the end of the first week, unless suffering from a very virulent type, are likely to recover. Parallel cases brought in during the second week show three times the mortality. A simple climax is completed by the following clear and concise statement:—"When brought in the third week the mortality is terrific; it is a miracle if the patient does not die." These striking facts are borne out by the experiences of fever hospitals in Great Britain. To move such patients then after the first week is very dangerous.

DUST is the great conveyer of micro-organisms. At 2 A.M., when a city is most quiet, the fewest germs are to be found in the air; at 8 A.M., the industry of domestic servants and dustmen has already made the air teem with germs. At 2 P.M., the proportion has again greatly fallen; at 7 P.M., it is once more high, for many houses are being "tidied up"; besides sundry kitchen operations are unhygienic. Thus the "small hours," unfavorable in many respects to patients hovering between life and death, are the least septic of the twenty-four. The day proportions indicate that household duties cause more septic diffusion than is excited by traffic and industry.

MARY ALLEN WEST says, "Keep thyself pure" is God's command. Purity is freedom from all that contaminates and defiles; this both in regard to diet and external cleanliness. Whether it shall be secured for the children depends largely upon the care taken of them by the parents. There seems to be a close connection between cleanliness and purity of heart or mind. God's way of teaching purity to his ancient people (rather, His way of making it an ingrained part of their nature), was by the washings in clean water; the robes of the priests of "fine linen clean and white;" the perfect cleanliness of all vessels used in His sanctuary, the "without spot or blemish" required of every sacrifice offered to Him.

## NOTES ON CURRENT LITERATURE.

THE ODD TITLE, "Our Grandfathers died too Young," will doubtless call much attention to Mrs. H. M. Plunkett's article in the June Popular Science Monthly. The essay describes the progress in sanitation which has doubled the average length of life in civilized countries within a few hundred years. A great number of curious customs are included in a remarkably readable essay on "Survivals from Marriage by Capture" which Lieutenant-Colonel A. B. Ellis will contribute to the number.

THE DOMINION ILLUSTRATED of May 9th gives a good portrait, full page, of the new Speaker of the House [of Commons, the Hon. Peter White, with numerous pleasing sketches of the recent opening of the new Parliament. The enterprise displayed by the publishers of this excellent weekly certainly deserves success and can hardly fail to secure it.

THE METHODIST MAGAZINE for May continues a number of articles of special interest in connection with the Methodist Centennial. One is an account of a recent visit to Epworth, the cradle of Methodism, by the Rev. E. N. Baker, B.A., with ten engravings of the old town, rectory and church. Rev. Geo. J. Bond, B.A., gives an illustrated account of a recent visit to Ephesus, and of his exploration of the ruins of the famous temple of Diana. Dr. Daniel Clark, Superintendent of the Asylum for the Insane, Toronto, contributes a paper on "Popular Delusions about Insanity and the Insane."

THE COSMOPOLITAN for June "starts a fast pace" in the handicap for magazine honors. The personal element enters largely into its composition, and an impression of beautiful women is the first received by the reader of it. The frontispiece is a portrait of Madame de Pompadour, and pertains to a bright sketch of a summer spent in the home of that famous woman by Amelie Rives and her guests. A very pleasant insight into the attractiveness of Japanese women is given, illustrated by a large number of photographs of pretty faces. An article describes the work of Gustave Doré, with elaborate engravings of the masterpieces of that wonderful artist. S. G. W. Benjamin, ex-Minister to Persia, tells the true story of Noor Mahal, the Light of the Harem, celebrated by Thomas Moore in the Lallah Rookh, illustrated from Oriental sources. One of the most valuable articles of the number is contributed by Mr. Abner L. Frazer to the literature of the farmers' movement, brightened by a series of cartoons. The Cosmopolitan prize of \$200 for the best article on "the needs of the farmer, his hours of labor, and the national legislation necessary to his prosperity," was awarded by the judges to this gentleman. This is a most excellent magazine. (Cosmopolitan Pub. Co., Madison Sq., New York; 25cts.)