

flooring ; veneerings of wood and enamelled bricks, faced in various colors, for walls ; school desks and seats, life preservers, crematory models, models of army hospitals, etc , etc. There are drain pipes with the bore almost completely closed with hardened deposits, and specimens of others (from South America) bored through by ants ; corroded and perforated soil pipes, with many specimens of such pipes and waste pipes with the bore completely closed by solder at the joints from careless plumbing ; fruit cans with the interior badly corroded ; and a great variety of other things of like character. And not the least interesting object was a model of a Parsee " Tower of Silence," where these strange people dispose of their dead.

THE YELLOW FEVER in the south will prove, it is hoped, another stimulus which will induce towns and cities to constantly keep their house in order ; while the " shot gun " quarantines will probably " bring home," or ought to, to the apathetic and indifferent in health matters, the value of the ounce of prevention and the great desirability of " Keeping it in stock." The Memphis calamity was losing its effect in the minds of those who have in hand the care of cities. Northern cities may take the lesson to heart. If the yellow fever is not likely to visit the cooler climes of the north, other fearful scourges are acclimatized to these regions and are no respecter of persons. Up to September 26th there had been a total of 2,314 cases at Jacksonville, with 221 deaths (a low rate of mortality), and a proportionate number of cases at Manatu, Tampa, Fernandina, McClanney and other places.

A MINISTER OF HEALTH is aptly pressed for by the Southern Practitioner for this month (Oct.) in the following language : " 'The farmers have at last secured a representative in the Cabinet. From March 4, 1889, the Secretary of Agriculture will be a member of the Cabinet and will be in a position to see that the agricultural interests of the country are given proper consideration and are protected.—Nash. Am.' The farmers and those interested in Agriculture may well be congratulated but something more is wanted ; yes urgently, imperatively needed. The cry goes up in most emphatic tones of the urgent need of a DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, with a Secretary, also a Cabinet officer. Time and again has Congress been appealed to in this regard by leading Sanitarians and Scientists throughout the country, and there is a strong possibility that if an earnest, urgent appeal is now made to our representatives, aided by the sad and terrible emphasis arising from the present epidemic, creating so much consternation, absurd mismanagement, annoyance, trouble and disaster in the entire South, which can but more or less affect the entire country, a proper recognition of the Public Health interests may be attained. There is just as much need for a Department of Health, as for the Department of War, Justice or the Navy." The Practitioner, with other Journals and, especially, this one, has long urged for a MINISTER of Health.

THE ONE MAN POWER is, after all, far superior to the old irresponsible " Board ". Let there be advisory boards, but let us have the ONE responsible HEAD. As an illustration, the town of Pullman, Ill., shows just what this power with scientific sanitation, intelligence and honesty can accomplish. With a population of 12,000, the drainage and cleanliness of the town are so complete, the facilities for healthy amusement and instruction so abundant, with an entire absence of liquor establishment, that in 1887 the death-rate was per 1,000, in 1886 only 8, and this year proportionately still less, against 26 per 1,000 in New-York City. As the New-York Medical Times says, " The secret of this wonderful showing is that Pullman is under the control of a one-man power, the Pullmans, who are autocratic in the management of the affairs of the city." This is just what we need everywhere.