

BAD EFFECT OF BEER-DRINKING.—The worst results from accidents in the London Hospitals are said to be draymen. Though they are apparently models of health and strength, yet, if one of them receives a serious injury, it is nearly always necessary to amputate, in order to give him the most distant chance of life. The draymen have the unlimited privilege of the brewery cellar. Sir Ashley Cooper was once called to a drayman, who was a powerful, fresh-colored, healthy-looking man, and had suffered an injury in his finger, from a small splinter of a stave. The wound, though trifling, suppurated. He opened the small abscess with his lancet. He found, on retiring, he had left his lancet. Returning for it, he found the man in a dying condition. The man died in a short time. Dr. Gordon says, "The moment beer-drinkers are attacked with acute diseases, they are not able to bear depletion, and die." Dr. Edwards says of beer-drinkers, "Their diseases are always of a dangerous character, and in case of accident, they can never undergo even the most trifling operation with the security of the temperate. They most invariably die under it." Dr. Buchan says, "Malt liquors render the blood sily and unfit for circulation: hence proceeds obstructions and inflammation of the lungs. There are few great beer-drinkers who are not phthisical, brought on by the glutinous and indigestible nature of ale and porter. * * * These liquors inflame the blood and tear the tender vessels of the lungs to pieces." Dr. Maxson says, "Intoxicating drinks, whether taken in the form of fermented or distilled liquors, are a very frequent predisposing cause of disease." The Hospitals of New York show an equally unfavorable record of the intemperate, and private practitioners everywhere have the same experience.—*Sanitarian*.

WEATHER.—There is a wide-spread popular feeling that warm winters are more apt to breed sickness than are cold ones. The old English proverb, "A green Christmas makes a fat church-yard," is evidence that this belief came to this country with the Mayflower and the hosts of winged ships and grimy steamers which have been its lineal descendants. The experience of most of our readers, we think, has shown the fallacy of this popular feeling; warm winters, like cool summers, making light the professional purse and heavy the hearts of those who are immediately dependent upon their professional income. This individual experience is well borne out by the statistics of the English Registrar-General. In England the cold winter of 1874-75 embraced two distinct