

habit of the human constitution to become so accustomed to conditions inconsistent with the highest state of human progress as to be unaffected by them. The highest state of human culture furnishes the only standard by which the degree of elevation should be measured; and cleanliness and refinement bear the same relation to each other in the progress of human culture as do filth and moral uncleanness in the degradation of uncivilized communities. The miserable, degraded, and sickly portion of every community is weak, in proportion as the highly cultivated and healthy portion is strong. To assist the weak in applying such measures for the preservation of life as will protect mankind at large from the injuries which each individual in a narrow-minded selfishness would inflict on his neighbour, is the first and most sacred duty of a paternal government. Contact with well-cleansed streets, and external purity generally, creates a distaste for internal filth and degradation, and there are none so degraded or so impure as not to be benefitted and elevated by association with kindness and cleanliness.—*Sanitarian*.

ENTERIC OR TYPHOID FEVER AND SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

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Small-pox may be regarded as a scourge of the past rather than of the present. The one remedy for it, or provision against it, is universally acknowledged, and a separate national establishment is devoted to its supply.

Cholera is a disease with which happily we are not allowed to become familiar by every-day experience. Its devastations, when it is present among us, are very sad; and may be compared to the havoc of an exceptional interval of war. But during the longer normal periods of peace its name does not appear in our statistics of public health.

How different is the case with typhoid fever! For it we have no prophylactic provision. Nor is it an obsolete or even an occasional visitant. The following considerations seem to give to this affection an overwhelming interest to sanitary authorities and their officers. Indeed, I would regard it as the test disease of their activity or of their success. Where there is no typhoid fever there is good water, efficient drainage, and a careful inspection of the habits of the poor.

1. To continue the comparison, typhoid fever is a peace disease, being really never absent from us. In the most