

Houses of Parliament, led to the inauguration of the metropolitan main drainage system in 1859. The system is now complete, but the sixteen years during which it has been in progress have passed without the solution of the problem how to utilise this vast amount of sewage now cast into the sea. This still remains to be solved.—*The Lancet*.

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CAPTAIN WEBB AFTER HIS CHANNEL FEAT.

We have received the following interesting communication from Mr. Thomas Law Webb, M. R. C. S. and L. R. C. P., Lond., of Ironbridge, Salop:—

“A few facts relative to the physical condition of my brother, Captain Webb, on his leaving the water after swimming from Dover to Calais, will be of interest to the profession. He assures me that on landing he did not feel at all cold, but was as warm as when he started. He felt, however, fearfully tired and exhausted, and was very sleepy. He fell asleep several times as he was being driven to his hotel, though roused repeatedly by his cousin (Mr. G. H. Ward, who never left him throughout), who thought it best not to let him sleep until he had taken some nourishment. At the Hôtel de Paris, he went to bed, and drank some hot wine. Immediately on getting to bed, he took his own temperature with a thermometer with which I had provided him, and found it to be exactly 98° Fahr. He did not *count* his pulse, but *felt* it, and says it was ‘slower than usual.’ After five hours or so of sleep, he awoke feeling rather hot and feverish. He then took his temperature again, when it had risen to 101° Fahr. He says that his face was then flushed, and his skin hot and dry. He then slept again for some time, and on waking felt himself ‘all right,’ excepting a troublesomeness and stiffness of the arms and legs, scarcely to be wondered at.—*The Lancet*.