

owes every man of proper principle a living; and society is in duty bound to look after the health and well being of the poorer classes. We speak warningly. It is probable that epidemic cholera may again visit the western portions of our globe, as this fearful scourge appears to be following the course it pursued in 1831, 1833, 1848, and 1853. In what an unprepared state would it find us now! Again we might expect a repetition of the scenes of 1832, when death invaded and swept off whole districts.

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#### HONOR TO THE BRAVE.

Not many weeks ago, a band of twelve physicians, occupying various positions in the army stationed in Canada, left our city (under orders from the authorities) for Bermuda,—then and still the scene of fearful ravages from yellow fever. Few who bade them farewell, and who knew the fearful fatality of the epidemic they were about to encounter, ever imagined that all would pass the ordeal unscathed. Too soon has this fear been realized. Hardly had this devoted band landed upon the pestilential shores, and entered upon the discharge of their duties, than one of their number was prostrated by the disease. Poor Milroy, the active, energetic assistant-surgeon of the 30th Regiment, now stationed in this garrison, was the first victim. Not long was he allowed to labor on his noble mission, ere he passed away, a victim to the disease he went so far to assist in arresting.

At last accounts the disease was raging with unabated fury, and those able were leaving the country. Who can tell upon whom the fell destroyer will pounce as his next victim? for, worn out by watching, dispirited by want of success, they are indeed apt to contract the disease. Who but will remember the fearful epidemic of yellow fever at Norfolk, Virginia, in 1855, when forty physicians fell in the hopeless contest? God grant this visitation in Bermuda may at its close give no such list. How few think of the dangers which the profession is exposed in the discharge of its duties. How few, when they heard of the departure of the twelve physicians for Bermuda, even thought of the dangers they would so soon meet; and yet they are as great as that encountered by assistant-surgeons Manley and Temple in their brave conduct at the recent engagements in New Zealand, and for which their Queen has decorated them with that badge of distinguished bravery the Victoria Cross. We cannot but admire the spirit of true heroism which is exhibited by the man who, at the call of duty, walks to almost certain death, in aid of his fellow-creatures, suffering from a malignant infectious disease; this, in our opinion, is of greater merit, than he who marches to the cannon's mouth, during