

through the period of alarm without injury. We have greater reason at the present time for anxiety, as not only is the disease Cholera smouldering in Europe, awaiting a favourable opportunity to break forth with unsparing virulence, but our own condition from a sanitary point of view, is very much worse than it was six years ago. We hope that in calling together a Board of Health for the Dominion of Canada, that the selections will be carefully made, and that the highest talent in the country will be secured, independent of sectional considerations. The profession have always been ready to give their time and advise on similar occasions.

In England the "Royal Sanitary Commission" is at work, and the report recently published by that body recommends sanitary reforms, which are being rapidly put in force. The report referred to recommends that in every district there shall be one local health authority, and that every local authority so constituted, shall have one Medical Officer of Health, and that every such officer shall have the power of an Inspector of Nuisances. It would take up too much of our space to discuss the various clauses of this report. We refer to it merely to show that earnest work is being done in England with a view of preventing as far as possible the spread of contagious diseases.

Dr. Lankester in his annual report of the sanitary condition of St. James', Westminster, gives a clear account of contagious diseases in his parish, and of the modes of preventing them. In the course of his report he estimates that the losses from Scarlet Fever, throughout Great Britain during the last sixteen years has not been less than 100,000 lives. And in Westminster, Mr. Barnard Holt states that 233 lives fell a sacrifice to Small Pox during the year 1871, against 13 who died of that disease the year previous. All these facts point to the necessity of earnest and painstaking exertion on the part of Governments and communities to adopt means for the arrest of the progress of epidemics.

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The honour of baronetcy conferred by Commission on Professor Christison, of Edinburgh, is a just recognition of his well-earned position at the head of the profession in Scotland. Professor Christison already holds the appointment of Honorary Physician to the Queen in Scotland, and is President of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. He has received the honorary doctorate of