

provides for a board of nine persons: The State Engineer, the Attorney-General and the Health Officer of the port of New York are to be *ex-officio* members. The Secretary of the Board alone is to be paid. The members receive actual travelling and other expenses. The Secretary must be a person skilled in sanitary service and a member of the Board or otherwise. The sum of \$15,000 is appropriated for the Board the first year. The Secretary of the Board is to be the Registrar of Vital Statistics for the State.

**MORTALITY FROM DIPHTHERIA.**—During the four years from 1873 to 1876, inclusive, 7,877 persons died of diphtheria in New York city. In Massachusetts it is second in fatality to consumption. An equally large death-rate has existed in many other cities and states. The disease is almost as bad in England. Dr. Fergus in his address before the British Medical Association at its last meeting mentioned diphtheria as a disease which sanitary science had hardly as yet begun to control.—*N. Y. Med. Rec.*

THERE is no telling what the ignorance, boldness and complete self-possession of an impostor will do towards inspiring confidence among unthinking people; and there is no accounting for the mania with which people thirst after humbugs and deceptions. The truth is far too tame and uninteresting for many people—in order to be fascinated they must be fed on fiction.—*Canada Lancet.*

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## Annotations.

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### GARDENING—THE CULTIVATION OF FLOWERS.

Gardening whether for pleasure or for profit is perhaps the most beautiful occupation that can be engaged in, and should be universally encouraged. Below we give a communication, from an exchange, on ornamental flower planting which we trust will prove profitable in this way as well as interesting:—The method of planting ornamental foliaged and blooming plants in curved or straight lines, so as to produce pleasing effects by contrast and harmony of color, which has been for some years in practice in the gardens of the Old Country, and more recently the United States, appears to have received but little attention by the garden-loving public of Montreal, and yet nothing can exceed the beauty of these ribbon borders during the later summer and fall months. It would occupy too much of your valuable space to attempt to describe fully the glorious effects thus produced in the gardens of the Crystal Palace,