

following: For the last three and a half years I have been in the habit of keeping notes of the sanitary conditions present in those spots in Carlisle where typhoid fever has come under observation, and find that the disease is very fatal, and persistently lingers in the immediate vicinity of slaughter-houses, cow-sheds, and places where tripe and entrails are cleansed. Thus, for instance, during the last four and a half years there occurred in Carlisle, in the vicinity of two slaughter-houses placed in close proximity, seven cases of typhoid fever. Near another slaughter-house the same number of cases. Near a shed where tripe and entrails were cleansed, five cases; at a similar place, one case; in a short street where four slaughter-houses exist, eleven cases; and near a large cow-shed, nine cases of the disease. Of these forty cases ten died, or one death in four cases, or about four times the ordinary rate of fatality from typhoid fever. Lastly comes the Metcalfe Street cow-byre and slaughter-house with its five cases of sickness, three of which died, and while the paper is being written arrives a notice of a death from typhoid fever in the Carlisle Urban District of Greystone in a house placed close to a cow-byre of the sanitary urban type.

...GOOD FOR THE SYNOD.—It was decided by the Lutheran synod recently held in Richmond, Indiana, that users of tobacco will hereafter be debarred from positions in their theological institutions.

GOOD HEALTH says, prohibition sentiment is very strong in Colorado. Pueblo, the second city in the State, has an anti-saloon government; and many smaller towns have local option in active operation.

THE Belgians have a law that whenever a man is fined for drunkenness, the tavern-keeper who sold him the last drink is also fined. The best of all is that the law is enforced.

It is said that in 1841, when the population of Great Britain was twenty-six million, twenty-three million pounds of tobacco were used. In 1887, with a population of thirty-seven million, fifty-three million pounds were consumed.

TUBERCULOUS COWS.—The N. Y. World is responsible for the following: A prominent veterinary surgeon says that Mass-

achusetts herds of cattle are honey-combed with tuberculosis, the cattle disease which created such a sensation in Maine last winter. He has recently talked with the veterinary officers of the Bay State, who informed him that the disease had gained a very strong foothold there. He asked them why they did not expose the condition of the herds, and the reply was that it would at once create a panic. Thousands of gallons of milk are sold in Boston which are produced by diseased cows, and large quantities of beef from animals infected with tuberculosis are marketed in the city.

WE must apologize for the lateness of this number of the JOURNAL. The next number too we fear may be a little late, on account of improvements being made, but we think when it reaches our readers they will overlook the late arrival and be satisfied. When we receive exchanges a month and sometimes two months after date of issue, as we sometimes do, we try to take comfort in that we are not much worse in this respect than many others.

We wish all "a happy new year," and hope to visit them more regularly on the whole in future.

NOTES ON CURRENT LITERATURE.

IN THE CENTURY for December, among the most noticeable articles are "The Sea of Galilee," profusely illustrated and very interesting; "Durham Cathedral," and the first part of Mr. Kennan's Contribution, "Prison Life of the Russian Revolutionists," which done are worth more than the price of the magazine. A well illustrated article on Parisian newspapers is not less interesting. We are told that "Of mere brute news, minute particulars of scandals, crimes and horrors, such as we here in America have dumped upon our breakfast table every morning, with all the accompanying repetition and accumulation of uninteresting fact,—of all this the reader of the Parisian journal sees little or nothing. The childish or unintelligent thirst to know what has happened, regardless of the importance of the event, has not yet been developed in France by the rivalry of scrambling editors; and it may be asserted without fear of contradiction that even if they