

IN COMMENTING on the Benwell murder, the British Medical Journal says: "The theory of the prosecution was that the deceased had been murdered on the spot where the body was found, and that the rigor mortis had probably set in within four hours—a theory quite in accord with the circumstances in which the death took place, and one which the prisoner's counsel was quite unable seriously to impugn.

SANITATION in the church. At the meeting of the Church Congress, held in Hull, Eng., the first week of the present month, the social aspects of sanitation was one of the subjects discussed, and the following programme adopted: Acquaintance with and Obedience to Sanitary Laws a Christian Duty; Present Condition of Labourers' and Artisans' Dwellings in view of Recent and Proposed Legislation.

WITH the view of checking the adulteration of food, the municipal authorities of Rome have recently passed an enactment that the names of all makers and vendors of alimentary substances injurious or dangerous to health or adulterated shall be published in the daily papers. We believe it has been suggested to the Inland Revenue Department of Canada that this plan would have a good effect in the Dominion. We trust it may be adopted here.

THE Medical Department of the Russian Ministry of War has decided to establish movable laboratories of toxicological chemistry and bacteriology attached to each army corps. In these laboratories all food supplied to the troops will be analyzed.

AT a recent meeting of the Odessa Town Council a resolution was introduced demanding that all local dealers in old clothes should be permitted to sell their articles only after a thorough disinfection in the town disinfecting chamber. Every piece subjected to the treatment to be furnished with some mark, without which no article should be sold.

THE LANCET referring to the recent experiments of Brown-Sequard in condensing the organic matter of the breath and determining the degree of its poisonousness says that, "it is quite probable that a man excretes from his skin and lungs in twenty-four hours more poison, though in a more diluted form, than a snake manufactures in the same time."

DR. TURTON, Chairman of the Sanitary Committee of the Brighton Town Council, read a paper on "Some Points in Relation to Septic and Infectious Diseases," in which he said that all collections of putrescent organic matters were equally capable of producing symptoms of septic poisoning, though the putrefaction of sewage was, for obvious reasons, by far the commonest cause of such poisoning.

IN noticing Practical Sanitary and Economic Cooking, the Lomb Prize Essay, by Mrs. Abel, the Montreal Medical Journal says: There is no doubt great waste and little comfort in American cooking, and we regret that it is our duty to charge the American housewife with being the principal cause of the national dyspepsia. No household is happy if the husband is uncomfortable and cross, and no husband can help being uncomfortable and cross when his digestive apparatus is up in arms and carrying on a warfare with a mass of ill-cooked food.

THE BRITISH WHIG says, "A letter from Belleville informs us that typhoid fever is very prevalent there and that several deaths have resulted from it. It is unnecessary to ask about the cause of this affliction. We can surmise it—bad milk, bad water or bad drainage, or all three combined. The misfortune of our neighbors should be a warning to us"—in Kingston.

IN THE Union Medicale, M. Lyon, an eminent French physician, has shown by careful researches that tobacco lessens the contractility of the walls of the stomach; thus not only producing indigestion, but a tendency to dilatation of the stomach and chronic disease of that organ.

DR. SAGE says: Worry kills more than work. The appetite for millions keeps a man on the keen jump, and knocks his tissues into a cocked hat. By the time he gets all he wants he finds out that he doesn't know what he does want, and so tumbles into apoplexy and gives his impatient heirs a chance.

A SUGGESTIVE THOUGHT for daily habits of street-cars is the fact that Dr. Nichols, of Boston, found more than twice the amount of carbonic acid gas in the air of passenger cars than in the Berkeley street sewer.

IN Bulgaria there is a law to the effect that if a patent medicine, which is advertised to cure a certain malady, fails to do so, the vendor of the