

standing the increase of population between 1850 and 1860, the health of the place improved under the vigorous measures adopted by the *then* new Board of Health; that the salubrity of the place diminished as the population was allowed to outrun the 'sanitary arrangements; that recently, however, again, the ventilation of existing sewers, the construction of new ones, the [purification of ditches and streams, and the exclusion of land-spring water from the water-supply, have produced an immediate diminution in the death rate, and a marked decrease in the mortality from zymotic disease.

A CASE OF LEAD-POISONING, the result of using *flake-white* as a cosmetic, has been communicated to the *Medical Times and Gazette*, Aug. 28, by Dr. Johnson, F.R.S., of King's College Hospital. The patient was a young married woman who acted as a ballot-dancer. The symptoms were well-marked; muscles of the forearms and thumbs much wasted, inability of extension, complete wrist drop, and blue line at the gums. Upon analysis the flake-white was found to consist chiefly of white lead, which, says Dr. Johnson, when applied to the skin of the face was partly absorbed through the skin, while some was inhaled through the mouth and nostrils; thus entering the blood. The patient stated that a friend of hers, also a ballot-dancer, was suffering from the same symptoms. Ladies who will use cosmetics should enquire into the composition of them.

THE LITTLE FOLKS should now have their legs and ankles well protected from the cold. The extremities require at least as much clothing as the trunk or 'body.' The originator of the fashion to almost bare the legs of children in cold weather has much to answer for, and the followers of it have but little less. If children must be compelled to wear fine thin stockings without outer covering, they might at least have a pair of thick wollen ones drawn on first, under the thin ones.

ERRATUM.--In the September number of this journal, on page 285 in the item "A Sanitary Question," Preventing Medicine is absurdly printed instead of Preventive Medicine.