

the Sultan and the Shah of Persia will assist in arresting the development of cholera at its Asiatic ports of entry and posts of reinforcement. "The English," he observed, "are especially interested, since they hold both ends of the inlet and outlet, India and Egypt." M. Hanotiaux continues as follows: "The Conference builds largely upon the assistance of Great Britain, for one of the most brilliant European hygienists, Mr. Ernest Hart, has denounced Mecca as a main centre from which European cholera spreads, in an address of wide-spread influence. He has pointed out that Hagar's well, where the Mussulman pilgrims wash and drink, is nothing better than sewer water. In one day (June 26th, 1893) there were 500 deaths at Mecca from drinking this water. Let the pilgrims die for the glory of Mohammed, that is their affair; but they spread the cholera to the rest of the world, and they must be prevented from making us that present. The Paris Conference will mainly occupy itself with this object; it will not be far from agreeing with the English sanitarian, Mr. Ernest Hart, in saying that the extinction of epidemic cholera in Europe may be secured without great difficulty. There are two ways of attaining this result: to ensure everywhere perfectly pure drinking water, and meantime put an end to the cause of insalubrity of the Meccan pilgrims. It will agree with him that 'outside of this all measures are illusionary; fumigations, railway and frontier quarantines, powderings and antiseptic fluids, are only vain ceremonies, simple sacrifices to popular ignorance, the idolatrous homage which dirt pays to cleanliness. The prime focus of cholera is India: its gates of invasion are the Indian fairs and the Meccan pilgrimage. Mecca is the reinforcing station of cholera between the Gulf of Bengal and Europe; it is there especially that the chief danger lies.'"

The measures, therefore, which the International Conference on Cholera at Paris will be called upon to resolve are, M. Hanotiaux announces, those indicated by Mr. Ernest Hart in his addresses at Edinburgh and in America. "Thus we shall undoubtedly instal medical posts and posts of inspection at two points, which he points out as the most important to be watched Thor and Camaran. Every ship and every caravan of pilgrims will be accompanied by a medical staff

furnished with all that is necessary for the purification and disinfection of the sick. The Conference will consider resolutions as to the necessary re-organization of the sanitary service of India, the regulations of the great fairs of that country, the organization (as suggested by Mr. Hart) of a system of inspection of the pilgrims before leaving the Indian ports, and the curatorship of the sacred wells in which the Mussulmans bathe and drink at the same time." To carry out this, M. Hanotiaux concluded, "will be to win a decisive victory over cholera; such a battle is well worth waging."

The following are the delegates for the Paris Sanitary Conference which will take place at Paris.

For France: MM. Barrere, Hanotiaux, Brouardel, Proust, Monod. For Germany: MM. von Schöen and Mordtmann. For Austria-Hungary: Count Küefsten, Dr. Hagel, Dr. Karlinski. For the United States: Drs. Edward Shakespeare, Stephen Smith, and Preston Bailhache. For Greece: M. Crisis, and M. Vafiader. For Italy: The Marquis Malaspina, and Dr. Pagliani. For Portugal: M. Navarro. For Sweden and Norway: M. Duc. For Turkey: Turkan Bey, Nouri Pasha, Bonkowski Pasha, Dr. Hamdy Bey. For Persia: A delegate nominated by the Minister of the Shah in Paris. For Egypt: Achmet Choukry-Pasha, M. Mieville, and Sedky-Pasha. —*British Medical Journal*.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The world may come to an end, but electricity never. According to current reports we will soon be able to view with the naked eye all the internal organs without difficulty.

Spring comes round, and although it may bring delight to the sparrows and those who, like Salamanders, can only stand heat, it has a certain dread significance to the medical student. One of these alarms has been already advertised in our columns in the shape of the Examinations of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Ontario. The program is out giving the extent of the ordeals for April 10th to 17th inclusive, with the Orals on 18th in Toronto and on 21st in Kingston. We certainly wish all embryonic practitioners the best of success.