

work, as we should suppose that the majority of physicians would resist its enforcement. What are we coming to, with two health officers, and a health committee, yet are we without a head that can give counsel to the citizens on health matters.

Quite recently a young man was taken with small-pox in a boarding-house in Bleury street. His physician at once procured a private room in the Civic Small-pox Hospital, and had him removed thither in that vile and hideous vehicle provided for the purpose and called the city small-pox van. Five days after the removal of this gentleman a couple of sanitary officers went to the house, put up posters with the words small-pox in French and English and threatened the mistress of the establishment with fine and other penalties if she dared to remove the notices. Now this appears to be wrong. The city officials should not be instructed to resort to such measures. There was no small-pox in the house, nor was it likely that there would be, every precaution had been taken. The room had been cleansed and disinfected, the bed-clothes and furniture removed, and it was a gross injury to the proprietor of the house as well as the whole neighborhood, as it was calculated to create unnecessary alarm.

We certainly think that if persons determine not to remove their friends to a proper place provided for them by the city, then would the authorities be perfectly justified in notifying the neighborhood that small-pox was certainly in that house; but to placard a house with posters intimating that small-pox was in that house, when it was not so, is, to say the least, calculated to do damage to individuals, a damage which could, we should suppose, be remedied by an action at law. If this rule is to be carried out in all instances, we should say that there would be a goodly lot of houses disfigured with posters bearing the words *picotte, small-pox*.

THE PHYSICIAN'S VISITING LIST FOR 1877 ;

LINDSAY & BLAKISTON, PHILADELPHIA.

We have received a copy of this most useful little book, and as we deem it indispensable to the Physician in active practice, we hasten to notice it. It is in the same style as its predecessors, this being the twenty-sixth year of its publication. The contents are an almanac, table of signs, Marshall Hall's ready