

national importance, one to which, so far as he is aware, he was the first official person on this continent to draw public attention.

In this preface, Mr. Moule's Dry Earth System has been throughout spoken of as the *new* system. The expression is open to objection. Mr. Moule himself, in his Pamphlet on National Health and Wealth, informs us, «that the official reports from India prove that the *new* «method of deodorizing fæcal matter was early known to the «Hindoos, and further that it has been practised amongst the «Chinese in the south of China, from time immemorial.» It would seem indeed that the observance of a similar practice was enjoined by Moses upon the Israelites in the wilderness.* Verily, there is nothing new under the Sun!

In concluding it may not be out of place to mention that partly in consequence of its being necessary to write to England for information on certain points, and partly from private reasons the publication of the present Pamphlet has been somewhat delayed.

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* See Deuteronomy, Chap. 23, vv. 12, 13.