

to ascertain the conditions which precede or attend the mortality, and this opens up all the causes which diminish the vital powers of man. Among these may be ranged; mental depression, social habits, local influences, meteorology in all its phases, food and drink, overcrowding, bad sewerage, and whatever in fact tends to undermine the functions of life, and subjects the animal to premature death.

I have drawn up a table (2) which shews at a glance some of the many points which Hygiene has to consider, and will make a few remarks upon the several subjects, commencing with those lowest on the list; and as I proceed will but allude to the connecting links which bind them together.

Diseases which are communicable have long occupied the attention of Governments, as well as of the profession. They are palpable, and force their consideration upon all. Terrified by the destructive power of some,

## 2 REGISTRATION OF DEATHS AND CAUSES.

Hygiene.	Sentiments	Ethical.	Laws.	{	Aggressive.
		Theological.			Preventive.
	Intellect.	Humanitarian.		Customs.	
		Regulating and Adapting.		Habits.	
	Animal and functional.	Locality.		Government.	
				Temporary.	
		Food and drink.		Permanent.	
				General condition.	
		Meteorology.		Quantity.	
				Quality.	
		Diseases.		General and Local.	Air.
Hygrometrical.					
	Induced.	Barometrical.			
		Thermometrical.			
	Epidemic.	Inherited.			
		Personal.			
	Zymotic.	Epidemic.			
		Character.			
		Intensity.			
		Propagating power.			
		Preventive.			