

Berlin, the largest city in Germany, contains nearly half a million of souls (including the garrison.) It is divided into a number of sections or wards—each of which, is attended by a Medical man—who receives a regular salary for attending all the poor in his district. His prescriptions are sent to an apothecary, who charges the medicine to the town. The poor are thus free of expense.

All tradesmen (blacksmiths, carpenters, &c.,) *in service* are compelled to pay a small sum weekly for the support of their sick. This originated with themselves, but has now become compulsory. The tax is regulated according to their wages, and deducted from their weekly pay.

Besides the physicians already mentioned, there are eight for the city of Berlin, whose duty it is to visit manufactories, gaols, workhouses, boarding schools, &c., to see that the inmates have comfortable apartments and sleeping rooms, sufficient clothing, and food of a proper quality, and in sufficient quantity; that they have their regular hours of recreation, and that they are not tasked either in work or study beyond their strength.

There exists in Berlin a Hygienic Association, which numbers about 10,000 souls. Any person, by paying two groschens, (somewhat less than 2d.) monthly, is entitled to medical advice during health, as to what he should eat, drink, &c., and attendance during illness.\*

It is necessary to announce the birth of every child to the police, and to state whether born healthy or diseased. After some months it *must be vaccinated*. For this purpose there is an institution in every town, and at convenient distances in the country. Every man must serve three years as a soldier, and when enlisted, *he is re-vaccinated*. *No person is employed in any service, civil or military, without a certificate of vaccination.*

Every physician must announce to the police all the cases of cholera, small pox, epidemic dysentery, or supposed infectious disorder that occur in his practice. Scarlatina and measles are excepted.

He is required to give to the parents or friends of those dead in his practice, the date of death, and disease of which he died. Every week is printed all the deaths and the diseases. The names of the deceased are published in connection with the church to which they belong.

I may here remark in conclusion, that the medical are in connection with, but over the town police.

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\* Since writing the above, I have learned that this society has been dissolved by the police. It was discovered that the so-called Hygienic Association, were organized for the purpose of applying hygienic principles to *government*, and chose this manner of visiting each other as the least likely to excite suspicion. Some of the visiting physicians and ring-leaders have been arrested, and papers and other articles of a treasonable nature have been found in their possession, which, it is generally believed will lead to the conviction of many.