

parties refusing to separate is, that the healthy should accompany the sick to the hospitals, and be subjected to the severe rules in force at those establishments. The houses from which infected persons may be removed are to be purified, with all the articles in them. The greatest care is prescribed in keeping the streets and drains of every town and village clean, and all sorts of filth, rags, &c. found in them, or in the houses of infected persons, are to be burned and the ashes buried; for even ashes have been known to convey this dreadful pest from place to place. In case the disease should spread, the inhabitants are to be confined to their respective houses, and have their food furnished to them under the rules prescribed for the hospitals and the towns and villages in which contagion exists, and they are to be cut off from free intercourse with other places, and kept under a strict blockade. Dresses made of oil-skin and tar, and frequent friction with oil, have been found the best preservatives against contagion, when contact with infected persons cannot possibly be avoided. But the grand means of checking and annihilating the plague, is the prevention of contact with infected persons.

“The *Reformer* suggests native objections to these measures: ‘The more we read of the disease now raging in Rajpootana, the more we become convinced of the impracticability, nay, the injurious tendency of some of the measures prescribed by Sir Charles Metcalfe for checking the evil. The dragging out of children and wives from the houses of wealthy and respectable natives, and incarcerating them in a lazaretto, are measures which, under existing circumstances, instead of producing any good, will be the cause of spreading the contagion more widely: those who ought to be removed will be left at home, and those who should be left at home will be removed to the lazaretto, there to catch the very disease we dread, and thus widen the sphere of devastation. The extortions which would be practised on the healthy as a ransom from the fangs of the quarantine officers, are incalculable. We fear all will, at one time or another, be exposed to extortion by these harpies, commissioned by Government to violate the hitherto unseen zenanas of the respectable people. The quarantine laws of the Levant, where the plague is familiar to all, are in many respects unsuited to this country. We therefore trust the Lieutenant-Governor