

digestive organs than from any other form of illness, and this was especially noticeable in the central and northern districts, where hand-feeding with solid foods at too early an age was habitual. This fully agrees with a statement in the last annual report of the Massachusetts State Board of Health. Will some parents in this country take from this a hint and abstain from the practice of feeding to infants improper, solid food, as many are in the habit of doing? There are but few medical men probably in Canada who, when a mother has been asked what food she has been in the habit of giving her infant, have not heard a reply like the following:—"Oh! just a little such as we eat ourselves." Such feeding is attended with danger.

CONTAGION OF TYPHOID FEVER AND HEAT.—During the investigation as to the cause of the severe outbreak of typhoid disease last autumn at St. Mary's Hall, New Jersey, U.S., a school for the education of young ladies, and which disease was, as in most cases, traced directly and unmistakably to water contaminated with fecal matter from a privy vault, the following interesting fact was developed: While numerous cases of the disease occurred among the girls, and a small proportion among the teachers, *not one* of the servants was affected. These last drank only tea and coffee, and hence the water they used was *previously boiled*; while the girls frequently drank the cold water. It was found that out of seven absolute water drinkers, who did not use tea, coffee, or milk, six had suffered with typhoid.

POISONOUS CANDIES.—Much caution should be exercised in giving candies to children. In cheap confectionery the coloring matter is nearly always poisonous; analine, a very poisonous substance, is said to be in very common use to give a high color. Uncolored candies of the cheapest sort are sometimes half plaster Paris, and no doubt often give rise to diseases of the stomach and bowels. Many of the flavorings, too, are of a pernicious character. Not long ago, says the *New York Sun*, one child died and two others were made alarmingly ill in Wheeling, from eating candy apples, colored with analine.