

MEMORANDUM ON CHOLERA  
AS TO ITS  
ORIGIN, ORGANISM, CAUSES AND PREVENTION  
WITH  
PREMONITORY SYMPTOMS.

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EPIDEMIC OR ASIATIC CHOLERA.

The duty of preparing for a possible epidemic is prompted by every consideration of humanity and self-interest, as well as by the interest of the State.

Cholera may reach the continent of America this present season. Its march through Asia and Europe during the past two years has been somewhat rapid. Leaving its native haunts in the east, after ravaging the cities and towns of the Nile and Mediterranean, the scourge has crossed into the adjoining continent, and is now alarming the towns and cities along the rivers and coasts of western Europe. In view of the eventful record of previous visitations of the dreaded disease, it behoves us to study the lessons taught by the past and be prepared to profit thereby.

It is not the intention of this short treatise to go into the details as to where Cholera originated, or to trace the different epidemics which have started in the east, and, journeying westward, have passed over Asia, Europe and America, during the present century, leaving death and desolation in their train. To do this would fill a large volume.

During last summer and autumn the disease had, as stated, spread over Europe, and at the setting in of winter it had reached the western shore of that continent; so that we may say it is now directly opposite to us. Warning has been given, and it is our fault if we are not prepared to combat it if it should come.