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A PROSPECT AND A RETROSPECT.*

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Studying the history of the Plague in Europe it has been perhaps natural to infer that this dread disease has receded from the civilized areas of the Temperate Zone never to return in epidemic form. We see

* NOTE:—In the following pages I have attempted to bring together matters of direct use to those desiring to have a general idea of our present stand-point in connection with the Plague. I am indebted more especially to:—

The Plague in India, 1896-97, compiled by R. Nathan, Indian Civil Service, IV. Vols., large 8vo. with maps and diagrams. Printed at the Government Central Printing Office, Simla, 1898. Price per set of four Vols., 15 Rs. or £1. The first volume of these more especially gives a most valuable account of the previous history of the Plague in India, description of the Plague, its course and characteristics, and of the measures taken in India to prevent the spread of infection.

Müller & Pöck, *Die Pest. Nothnagel's Specielle Pathologie*, Vol. No. V., Pt. 4, Vienna, 1900. This is on the whole a most valuable study on the subject, but is in its earlier part based perhaps a little too much upon the work of previous Austrian and German writers, Griesinger for example, and does not sufficiently acknowledge the studies of those of other nationalities—a fact which may in part possibly be explained by the fact that Dr. H. F. Müller, the original author, died of the disease in Vienna before he had revised, or indeed, had nearly completed the work.

Daniel Defoe. *A Journal of the Great Plague in London (1665)*, first printed, London, 1720, reprint, Temple Classics Series, Dent & Co., London, 1900, 75 cents.

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