

says : ' There are in Calcutta many public offices and houses of business, particularly in the Burra Bazar, where communications are almost daily received from the districts where the plague is now raging, and we have not yet heard of any measures adopted to guard against the introduction of the plague in this city by means of such vehicles. Should the disease ever make its appearance in the crowded parts of the native town, no measure would be capable of arresting its progress; removal, separation, and blockade of houses in the Burra Bazar and its neighbourhood, appear to us equally impracticable.' The *Reformer* states that the Hindu community believe the disease to be a visitation from Heaven for the political sins of our Government, and that it will spread in spite of all our precautions. Sir C. Metcalfe has published an able minute on the subject. The first measure he directs is, the establishment of a cordon of posts along the frontiers, which is to prevent the ingress, into the British territories, of any person from the infected or suspected quarter without undergoing a quarantine. The precautions prescribed in carrying this measure into effect, are detailed in the minute, and insisted on with earnestness. Having fully explained the measures he would have the local authorities adopt to prevent the introduction of the pestilence into the interior, he calls the attention of the authorities to the steps which would be necessary in case the disease, notwithstanding the preventive cordon, were to insinuate itself into any of the towns and villages in the interior. Every possible attention to the prejudices of caste is strictly enjoined to the observance of those who are to have the charge of the patients in these establishments; but it is required that no consideration for the rank or the objections of the individuals concerned, be permitted to prevent their separation or removal from relations and houses, on the ground that the safety of the community depends upon these precautions. The local authorities have, however, the option, under cases of necessity, of allowing the inmates of an infected house to continue in it; but then the building is to be strictly blockaded, and guarded as if it were a separate hospital. The difficulties consequent on the requisite separation of near and dear relations from each other, under such direful circumstances, are fully appreciated by Sir Charles; and the only means he can suggest in case of