

forward, as in their complete originality. For the most part, the paper affords highly interesting reading and food for reflection. The following will show the view of the editor in relation to a future state:—"The body is created for no purpose but to become a mould in which to cast a soul. It is a mere mould for such a casting, and it is destroyed as soon as the casting is completed. In all the conditions of life there is merely a common understanding that our lives are in some way necessary for the preparation of a life beyond the death that awaits all."

FORMIC ACID is recommended as the most rapid destroyer of bacteria.

SHEEP'S HORN is used in Lyons for making horse shoes which will retard slipping on smooth pavements.

A **FRENCH BALLOON**, reported to have travelled several miles in a pre-determined course against the wind, has failed on a second trial.

A **RUSSIAN AERONAUT** is constructing a cigar shaped balloon which is to carry sails, hold a steam engine, a crew of 16 men and a large amount of ballast.

LUMINOUS key hole trimmings and door knobs are said to be in great favor with bibulous inclined persons, and convenient for others. They are made of glass, covered with luminous paint, and may be seen on the darkest nights.

BYCICLE CAPABILITIES may be considered as amongst the wonders of the age. The distance between London and Edinburgh, 400 miles, has been covered in two days and nine hours, considerably more than half the distance being travelled in the first twenty-four hours.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

A **PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY** is to be organized in Montreal. Will not some one move for one in Toronto?

CHATHAM, Ont., is agitating the subject of a water-supply.

An international health exhibition is proposed for New York city.

The health officer of St. Paul intends to prosecute for neglect in the proper construction and location of cesspools.

The sanitary department of Memphis spent last year \$39,681.72. The Memphians believe theirs is the cleanest city in the world.

In Boston, an association has been formed with a capital stock of \$250,000, in shares of \$100, to provide homes for the working population of that city.

SIR MOSES MONTEFIORE, at the age of one hundred, has recovered from a severe attack of pneumonia.

Miss Ford, a young teacher in Massachusetts, recently marshalled three hundred and fifty children in the school building, that was already a sheet of flame, with such order and discipline that every child was saved.

A **CASE** of scarlet fever in a canary is reported (*Brit. Med. Jour.*). The bird was in a room where two children lay sick with the disease. Its skin became bright scarlet, its throat apparently sore, and it finally died.

A **CHILD** recently died in St. Louis, Mo., from narcotism, superinduced by doses of Bull's cough syrup.

A **LADIES' Protective Health Association** has been organized and will be incorporated in New York city.

SAGINAW, Mich., a city of 30,000 inhabitants, has fourteen and a half miles of sewers.

The **Glasgow sanitary protection association** has 206 members.

FALSE ECONOMY.—Horace Mann says: "Seeing that the atmosphere is forty miles deep all around the globe, it is a useless piece of economy to breathe it more than once."

St. Louis, Mo., has 7,000 wells and an effort is being made to have them filled up where hydrant water can easily be obtained. At a special meeting of the medico-surgical society of that city it was voted that all wells and vaults in the city should be closed at the earliest possible moment, in view of the probable appearance of cholera in the spring.

A **CONFERENCE** of local boards of health in Minnesota will be held in St. Paul during this winter.

THE **OUTBREAK** of the peculiar and fatal disease in Virginia and Kentucky, according to the *Philadelphia Medical Times* is attributed to a prolonged drought, which has made the water supply low, the streams being more than usually charged with mineral and vegetable substances.

OF THE **SMALL-POX** in Hungerford, the medical health officer of that municipality reports that there were 205 cases of small-pox in the township during the recent epidemic. Of these 46 proved fatal. There had been probably 12 deaths from the disease in other townships.

M. PASTEUR anticipates (*Scientific American*) that bisulphide of carbon will become the most efficacious of all antiseptics, as it is also the cheapest, costing but a fraction of a penny per pound in large quantity. It is also the best insecticide known, and for this purpose may perhaps be useful to preserve woodwork in tropical countries. As first produced it is very foul smelling but it is capable of purification till all offensive odor is removed, and is sufficiently pure almost to mix with a perfume. It will probably also prove a cheap and valuable disinfectant for disinfecting rooms in which patients have suffered from contagious diseases. Indeed it is recommended by Pasteur and others for this purpose and as the least injurious to the furniture, or articles of metal in the room.