

THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT. The Public Health Act (1848) Amendment Bill has been printed for consideration during the recess. It is prepared by Mr. Cowper and Mr. Massey, and contains 187 clauses. The Act is divided into four parts; the first, relating to the adoption of the Act; the second, to the constitution, proceedings, and general powers of the local boards of health; the third, to the special powers of local boards of health; and the fourth, to general provisions. The Act is limited to England, and will not be applicable to any place within the limits of the metropolis unless the Act of 1848 has been already applied thereto. The General Board of Health is to be continued for five years from the passing of the new Bill.

ACADEMY OF MEDICINE IN PARIS. At the meeting of the Academy of Medicine, on December 22nd, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—*President*: M. Laugier. *Vice-President*: M. Cruveilhier. *Annual Secretary*: M. Dervigie. *Administrative Council*: MM. Cruveilhier, Louis, and Danyau.

YELLOW FEVER IN LISBON. Advices from Lisbon state that the fever appears to be gradually passing into the period of decadence. The colder weather has produced a beneficial effect. M. Suquet, a physician nominated by the French government to study the prevailing epidemic, had arrived, accompanied by M. Guyon, who is known as the author of several works on epidemics. They had visited some of the hospitals, and common report affirmed their opinion to be to the effect that the disease is caused chiefly by the unwholesome state of the sewers, and the general dirty condition of the city, and that it is of the typhus class. On the 26th ult. the new cases were reported 150, and 65 deaths, in houses and hospitals; on the 25th there were 149 cases and 32 deaths; and on the 24th, 170 cases and 64 deaths. It has, since the 26th, gradually declined, and has now almost entirely disappeared.

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BOOKS RECEIVED.

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1. London and Provincial Medical Directory. 1858. London: Churchill.
2. The Diseases of Children. By Fleetwood Churchill, M.D. Second Edition. Dublin: Fannin & Co. London: Longman & Co. Edinburgh: McLachlan & Stewart. 1858.
3. Sanitary Legislation and Administration in England. An Address. By *Henry Wyldbore Rumsey. London: Churchill. 1858.
4. Alcohol: its Place and Power. By *James Miller, F.R.S.E. Glasgow: 1858.
5. On the Study of Veterinary Medicine. Being an Inaugural Address at the Opening of the Edinburgh New Veterinary School. By John Gamgee. Edinburgh: Sutherland & Knox. 1857.

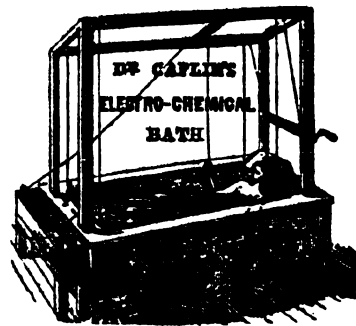
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