

4.5 lbs. on the square foot, and its horizontal movement on that day was 255 miles. Rain fell to the amount of 0.37 in., most of which fell on Saturday.

THE SERPENTINE. A public meeting of the inhabitants of the district in which the Serpentine is situated was held on July 22nd at the Cadogan Institute, Sloane Street. Mr. Heywood, late M.P. for North Lancashire, occupied the chair.

Dr. COPLAND, F.R.S., moved:—"That remembering the crowded meeting held in this building, under the presidency of Lord Harrowby, so far back as 1848, on the subject of the stagnant and dangerous state of the Serpentine, and knowing the various other measures that have since been adopted by the committee of physicians and others, appointed at that meeting, to urge the matter on the attention of the authorities, the present meeting cannot but express its strong disappointment that the necessary remedies have not been applied, the Serpentine still continuing in its former stagnant and dangerous condition." There was no doubt it was injurious to bathers, but he believed emanations injurious to health proceeded from the Serpentine river and its banks. Still a person affected by such emanations would not, perhaps, experience the effects for some time. He was convinced of the propriety of the Government taking up this question, especially as the banks of the Serpentine were frequented by the higher classes, and he believed the pallor of the countenance was caused as much by the Serpentine as by the dissipation of the London season.

Dr. LANKESTER seconded the motion. He regretted he should have to appear there to ask for that which was asked for ten years ago. If the number of persons killed by the Serpentine had been killed on a railway the people would have called upon the Government, and yet day by day the banks of the river were thronged by persons inhaling its deadly emanations. He desired not the Serpentine for drinking, but for bathing. It might be said that there were baths; but the people wished for free baths.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. S. CARTER HALL moved:—"That this meeting would again urge upon the Government, on the double ground of increasing the salubrity and beauty of the park, and promoting the safety and healthful enjoyment of bathers, that the deep pits in the Serpentine should be filled up; that the bed of the river should be reduced to a depth varying from three to four feet at the western, to eight or ten feet at the eastern end; that it should be comparatively shallow and of graduated depth for some distance in all along either shore, and that the supply of water should be sufficiently increased to bring the cascade at the lower end of the lake into constant play.

Dr. TILT seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

Dr. W. V. PETTIGREW moved:—"That this meeting is of opinion that no better mode of cleansing and levelling the Serpentine, and of obtaining the necessary enlarged supply of water, could or need be devised than the plan adopted, and which has answered so admirably in St. James's Park, and that this meeting would be greatly obliged by the Committee requesting the Chief Commissioners of Woods and Forests to receive a deputation on an early day with respect to the opinions and wishes which have thus been so strongly and so unanimously expressed." It was a question entirely of health; and the enticements of the park were converted into a pest-house by the waters. He enlarged upon the necessity of free baths for the people, but the permission now given to bathe in the Serpentine was an invitation to a man-trap.

The resolution having been seconded by Mr. LITWALL, was carried unanimously; and, thanks having been voted to the Chairman, the meeting separated.

Dr. TURNBULL. We regret to say that Dr. Turnbull, R.N., who accompanied the expedition against an encampment of "Braves", near the White Cloud Mountains, a short distance from Canton, was captured, and his head and hands were cut off.

TESTIMONIAL TO JAMES SNOW, ESQ. On Thursday, July 15th, a testimonial was publicly presented to James Snow, Esq., a member of our Association, who has held the position of Surgeon to the Lincoln County Hospital for fifty-seven years. It consisted of a portrait of Mr. Snow, with the following inscription:—"Presented to James Snow, Esq., senior, Surgeon to the Lincoln County Hospital, by his medical brethren and friends, as a mark of their esteem and high ap-

preciation of his professional character and honourable demeanour among them for a period of fifty-five years and upwards." The presentation took place at the annual dinner of the Medical Benevolent Society of Lincolnshire. Dr. Cammack, of Spalding, presided; and a number of members of the medical profession, with the Mayor of Lincoln and several of the clergy, took part in the proceedings.

ILLNESS OF MR. KING OF BATH. We regret to hear that our old associate and correspondent, George King, Esq., of Bath, is suffering from paralysis.

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