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Hoblyn's Dictionary of Medical Terms. By J. A. P. Price. 12th edition, revised, 1892, 10s. 6d. (Whittaker and Co.)

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By Horace Sworder, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., Medical Officer of Health to the Borough of Luton, &c. (Henry Bensehaw, London, 1893.)

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THE SANITARY INSPECTOR'S HANDBOOK. By Albert Taylor, Associate Sanitary Institute, Chief Sanitary Inspector to the Vestry of St. George, Hanover Square, London, &c. With illustrations. (London: H. K. Lewis, 1893.)

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THE JUNE REVIEWS.

The Nineteenth Century is a strong number this month. Dr. Martineau's criticism of the newly found Gospel of St. Peter is an important contribution to the rapidly increasing number of comments called into being by these fragments. Mr. Hemlker Heaton has a powerful denunciation of red-tapeism under the head of "Post Office Plundering and Blundering." Perhaps his strongest point is the urgent necessity for cheap postal facilities for small producers. It is startling to be reminded that we are paying £30,000,000 a year to the foreigner for dairy and garden produce which the British cultivator might supply if an Agricultural Parcels Post were in existence at a reasonable rate. Three other articles on the Rothamsted experiments, on wages, and on capital also discuss the agricultural question. Dr. Tuke, writing on habitual drunkards, strongly urges the necessity for further legislation on the ground that after fourteen years' experience, the Habitual Drunkards Act has produced only trivial and unsatisfactory results. He expresses the opinion that no measure will receive the assent of the Legislature which proposes that a person should be confined for what to the public mind verges on crime, on the mere application of friends or relatives, whatever the restrictions may be. "All such inquiries should be conducted in public, before a court presided over by a judge, assisted by two persons, medical or legal, one of whom should be appointed by the petitioner and one by the alleged drunkard. If this tribunal, after hearing evidence taken on oath, finds by a majority that the subject of inquiry is so far given over to habits of intemperance in stimulants or sedatives, as to render him unable to control himself, to make him dangerous to others, or to prevent him from managing his estate, it should be empowered to place him under restraint in such an establishment as should be determined by the court for a period not exceeding two years." Dr. Tuke considers that it is certain a small proportion can be cured, and that a compulsory measure would act as a powerful deterrent.

IN THE CENTURY for this month Dr. Prudden calls attention to the need for a National Bureau of Health in the United States. Congress, it seems, has been much exercised in devising a system of national quarantine in view of the approaching cholera. It is urged that such work can only rightly be performed by a national Board supplementing and controlling the work of the local authorities. Although the due organization of quarantine is at present the most urgent requirement, the endowment of research and the establishment of a museum of hygiene and sanitary appliances are contemplated by Dr. Prudden as within the scope of the proposed Bureau. At present sanitation appears to be a matter solely of local effort and responsibility in America. Dr. Prudden has a word of commendation for the English system. "Some of us admire, others wonder at the courage
and placidity with which England faces a threatened invasion of cholera. This is because she is ready to encounter it, not only with intelligent sanitation well under control all over the land, but because she meets it as a unit, and not as we are still forced to, in haphazard fashion, as the resources and the sanitary intelligence of a single state decree, or as the whim of an autocratic officer may dictate."

Books Received.

Henry Kempton, "The Health Resorts of Europe." By Thomas Linn. H. E. Lewis, "Treatise on Constitutional Syphilis." By Dr. Ziemsen.

The Sanitary Inspector's Handbook." By Albert Taylor.

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"A Medical Handbook for the Use of Practitioners and Students." By B. S. Atchison, M.B., G.M., T.R.C.G.B. Price 8s. 6d.

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