

the question lies in good sewers, well flushed, with the sewage to be gotten *entirely* away before decomposition begins. In such cases the sewage and the sewer-air are not very offensive, and there can be free ventilation in all directions, excepting, of course, into the houses and near the windows and chimneys. Roe, formerly one of the engineers of London, deserves the credit of having first adopted this method, which since his time has been carried out so successfully in London, Liverpool, Hamburg, Frankfort-on-the-Main, and Dantzic. Napoleon's engineers attempted the same thing in Paris, but with far less success than Lindley has met in Hamburg and Frankfort, or Wiebe in Dantzic.

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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF PREVALENT DISEASES.

THE following is a bulletin of the diseases prevalent in Massachusetts during the week ending October 9, 1875, compiled under the authority of the State Board of Health from the returns of physicians representing all sections of the State:—

The prominent feature of the returns for the last week is the extensive and increasing prevalence of epidemic catarrh or "influenza;" all parts of the State report its presence, and many observers note its coincidence with the epizootic catarrh. Diarrhœal affections have subsided. Diphtheria has diminished in the State at large, but is somewhat more prevalent in certain sections. The order of relative prevalence is as follows: Typhoid fever, influenza, bronchitis, diarrhœa, rheumatism, diphtheria, dysentery, pneumonia, cholera infantum, scarlatina, cholera morbus, croup, whooping-cough; the first three are the only ones of very general prevalence.

Berkshire: Bronchitis, typhoid fever, diarrhœa, influenza.

Valley: Typhoid fever, influenza, diarrhœa. Springfield and Chicopee report remittent fever. Diphtheria has subsided.

Midland: Typhoid fever, influenza, bronchitis, rheumatism.

Northeastern: Typhoid fever, influenza. Not much sickness. Scarlatina in and around Lynn.

Metropolitan: Typhoid fever, bronchitis, influenza, diphtheria; the latter disease has increased, but is not general.

Southeastern: Typhoid fever, influenza, bronchitis.

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