

Deaths reported 2495: under five years of age 891; principal infectious diseases (small-pox, measles, diphtheria and croup, whooping-cough, erysipelas, fevers, and diarrhoeal diseases) 465, lung diseases 466, consumption 342, diphtheria and croup 208, diarrhoeal diseases 67, scarlet fever 51, typhoid fever 45, measles 32, malarial fever 18, whooping-cough 17, cerebro-spinal meningitis 14, erysipelas eight, puerperal fever five. From *typhoid fever*, Philadelphia 17, New York and Boston five each, Baltimore and District of Columbia four each, Cincinnati two, New Orleans, New Haven, Charleston, Lowell, Worcester, Wrentham, and Mansfield one each. From *measles*, New York 22, Philadelphia three, Brooklyn, Boston, and Cincinnati two each, Baltimore one. From *whooping-cough*, New York six, Philadelphia three, Brooklyn, Baltimore, New Orleans, Fall River, Lawrence, Somerville, Dalton, and Randolph one each. From *cerebro-spinal meningitis*, New York five, Philadelphia four, Nashville, Lowell, Worcester, Concord, and Millbury one each. From *erysipelas*, Philadelphia and New Haven two each, New York, Brooklyn, Baltimore, and New Orleans one each. From *puerperal fever*, New York two, Philadelphia and Brooklyn one each.

Cases reported in Boston: scarlet fever 44, measles 41, diphtheria 24, and typhoid fever 15.

In 98 cities and towns of Massachusetts, with an estimated

population of 1,246,624 (estimated population of the State 1,955,104), the total death-rate for the week was 19.80 against 17.43 and 18.15 for the preceding two weeks.

In the twenty-eight greater towns of England and Wales, with an estimated population of 8,762,354, for the week ending December 20th, the death-rate was 21.6. Deaths reported 5778: infants under one year of age 839; acute diseases of the respiratory organs (London) 416, measles 101, whooping-cough 91, scarlet fever 62, diphtheria 39, fever 44, diarrhoea 25, small-pox (London 33, Derby two, Cardiff one) 36.

The death-rates ranged from 18.5 in Brighton to 34.1 in Preston; Birmingham 19.4; Blackburn 26.9; Bradford 21.2; Hull 19.9; Leeds 20.7; Leicester 25.5; Liverpool 22.8; London 20.7; Manchester 25.1; Nottingham 21.9; Sheffield 20.7. In Edinburgh 19.7; Glasgow 32.5; Dublin 34.0.

For the week ending December 20th, in the Swiss towns, there were 39 deaths from lung diseases, consumption 27, diphtheria and croup five, measles four, whooping-cough four. The death-rates were: at Geneva 24.5; Zurich 22.8; Basle 15.5; Berne 23.3.

The meteorological record for the week ending January 3d, in Boston, was as follows, according to observations furnished by Sergeant O. B. Cole, of the United States Signal Corps:—

Date.	Barometer.	Thermometer.		Relative Humidity.				Direction of Wind.			Velocity of Wind.			State of Weather. <sup>1</sup>			Rainfall.		
		Daily Mean.	Daily Mean.	Maximum.	Minimum.	7.23 A. M.	3.23 P. M.	11.23 P. M.	Daily Mean.	7.23 A. M.	3.23 P. M.	11.23 P. M.	7.23 A. M.	3.23 P. M.	11.23 P. M.	Duration. Hrs. & Min.	Amount in Inches.		
December-January, 1884-85,																			
Sunday, 28	30.523	34.7	42.0	22.2	95	89	88	89.0	N W	S	S W	6	9	12	C	C	F	—	—
Monday, 29	30.404	47.4	52.0	39.5	91	79	72	78.7	W	S W	S W	5	3	19	C	F	F	—	—
Tuesday, 30	30.242	52.2	61.7	45.2	69	64	64	68.3	S W	W	S	10	6	12	F	F	C	—	—
Wednesday, 31	29.874	55.6	62.1	47.8	92	70	83	81.7	S W	S W	S W	15	22	24	O	F	F	—	—
Thursday, 1	29.766	43.2	59.9	31.8	80	70	55	68.3	W	W	N W	11	8	20	O	F	F	—	—
Friday, 2	30.372	12.6	32.0	7.2	56	44	52	50.7	N W	N W	N W	22	24	18	C	C	C	—	—
Saturday, 3	30.695	14.7	21.3	1.4	61	64	68	64.3	N W	S	S W	11	11	17	C	C	C	—	—
Mean, the Week.	30.268	37.2	36.0	27.9				71.6										11.00	.02

<sup>1</sup> O., cloudy; C., clear; F., fair; G., fog; H., hazy; S., smoky; R., rain; T., threatening; N., snow.

**OFFICIAL LIST OF CHANGES IN THE MEDICAL CORPS OF THE U. S. NAVY, DURING THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 10, 1885.**

ROSS, J. W., surgeon. Detached from the "Monongahela," for treatment at Naval Hospital, New York.

WELLS, HOWARD, past assistant surgeon. Detached from Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa., to the "Monongahela."

**OFFICIAL LIST OF CHANGES IN THE STATIONS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS SERVING IN THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT, U. S. ARMY, FROM JANUARY 3, 1884, TO JANUARY 9, 1885.**

SHANNON, WM. C., captain and assistant surgeon. Relieved from duty at Ft. Bridger, Wyo., and assigned as attending surgeon at headquarters, Department of Platte. S. O. 2, Department of Platte, January 5, 1885.

ROBINSON, S. Q., captain and assistant surgeon. Assigned to temporary duty at Portland, Oregon, from December 17, 1884. S. O. 206, Department of Colorado, December 22, 1884.

APPEL, A. H., captain and assistant surgeon. Granted leave of absence for one month, to take effect on or about January 7, 1885 (Madison Barracks, N. Y.). S. O. 2, Department of East, December 31, 1884.

WALES, P. G., first lieutenant and assistant surgeon. Relieved from duty at Vancouver Barracks, W. T., and ordered to return to his proper station, Ft. Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. S. O. 204, Department of Colorado, December 19, 1884.

**SOCIETY NOTICE.**

SUFFOLK DISTRICT MEDICAL SOCIETY. *Obstetric and Gynecological Section.*—There will be a meeting of this Section at 19 Boylston Place, on Wednesday, January 21, 1885, at 7.45 P.M. The following papers will be presented: Dr. W. S. Brown, of Stoneham, "Forty Years' Experience in Midwifery." Dr. M. A. Morris, of Charlestown, "Three Cases of Pelvic Hamatocele, one Death." Appliances will be shown by Dr. M. L.

Chamberlain: An apparatus for the purpose of giving a continuous vaginal douche for pelvic inflammation, and in obstetrical cases; also, An abdominal coil to be used in connection with the above, or separately, whereby continuous heat or cold can be applied to the abdomen. Dr. W. H. Baker, Douche Pan and Pail. Dr. James R. Chadwick, Douche Pan designed by the late Dr. T. B. Curtis. Mr. F. W. Dudley, a Pan invented by Dr. W. M. Seaby, of San Francisco.

JAMES R. CHADWICK, M.D., *Chairman.*  
ROBERT B. DIXON, M.D., *Secretary.*

BOSTON SOCIETY FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES.—At a meeting of the Boston Society for the Medical Sciences to be held at the Medical School, Boylston Street, on Tuesday, the twentieth of January, at eight P.M., the subject of Erythroxylon Coca will be discussed from a botanical, chemical, and therapeutical point of view, by Drs. Goodale, J. W. Warren, F. H. Williams, and others. Members of the medical profession are cordially invited to be present.

W. W. GANNETT, *Secretary.*

**APPOINTMENTS.**

BOSTON DISPENSARY.—At the January meeting of the Managers of the Boston Dispensary the appointments of medical officers were as follows: Dr. Herbert L. Burrell, surgeon to Central Office; Dr. Russell Sturgis, physician to Central Office; Dr. F. H. Lombard, physician to the Department for Diseases of Women; and Drs. Thomas F. Sherman and W. B. Bancroft, district physicians.

COMMITTEE OF MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE ON PUBLIC HEALTH.—Senators: Burden of Bristol, Harlow of Middlesex, Emerson of Essex. Representatives: Warner of Worcester, Smith of Andover, Frothingham of Haverhill, Hemphill of Holyoke, Baker of Shelburne, Rust of Boston, Waters of Millbury, Danforth of Williamstown.

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