

"I am informed that such powers are given in the Togo-country."

It may also be of interest to give the public notice upon the Danger of Breeding Mosquito Larvæ, issued by the Sanitary Board of Secou-dee:—

"This disease, yellow fever, is conveyed by the mosquito. The breeding places of these mosquitoes are in any receptacle of stagnant water.

"The rule as to the screening of tanks, water butts, &c., will be enforced with the utmost rigour.

"Any person on or near whose premises bottles, tins, or other receptacles that hold water, such as imperfect guttering, liable to breed mosquitoes, will be severely dealt with.

"All bush and weeds must be kept cleared around the house."

If only this practice is carried out in West Africa it may be of enormous benefit to the health of the community, for whilst these measures refer specially to the breeding places of the stegomyia, which usually breed in household receptacles, yet no doubt it will also lead to the destruction of the breeding places of anopheles, and we cannot too strongly support the view that it is the duty of all in authority in every community to wage a continuous campaign against the breeding of mosquitoes of any kind.

THE QUINTON POLYCLINIC.

Great things are hoped of the Quinton Polyclinic, which has just been opened in Poland Street, London, W., for the administration of isotonic plasma (modified sea water). The water is not sterilized as that would destroy its life-giving properties, but it is carefully modified in accordance with the directions of M. René Quinton, Professor of Comparative Physiology in the College de France, and comes from Paris in hermetically sealed bottles.

Already the fame of the cures effected is spread abroad, and mothers are flocking to the Polyclinic with the most pitiful little specimens of wasted humanity in their arms, whose history is one of diarrhoea and vomiting. As a rule the latter ceases almost immediately after the first injection, and babies who have been able to keep nothing down begin to take and assimilate milk once more, while the diarrhoea is speedily controlled. The prescribed dose is carefully administered subcutaneously, usually in the back near the shoulder blade, and the puncture sealed with collodion. Some wonderful results have been obtained in adults in the treatment of eczema by the same means:

HOLIDAYS.

By MISS M. MOLLETT.

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The museums and galleries of Copenhagen, are really magnificent, but we had only time to visit them after the manner of the tourist and carry away a general impression. There is much fine modern statuary and a remarkable collection of Roman busts in the famous Glyptothek, built and endowed by the great brewer Jacobsen, who brewed beer for all Denmark—and Denmark is fond of beer. Some statues stand out in my memory. The grand old peasant woman carrying her wounded son out of the battle, Sintrim's celebrated "Two Human Beings," petrified for ever in a passionate embrace, and an "Adam and Eve" (I forget the sculptor's name) that struck me forcibly. Both so young, so terrified at being turned out of their beautiful garden, with bewildered alarm they cling to one another like children who are being punished for a fault they hardly understand. It is a pathetic reading of the old story.

Then there is the Thorwaldsen Museum, at once the monument and grave of Denmark's famous and beloved Bertie, where the smallest scrap of his work is treasured and every picture and relic is precious—but why, oh why, is not the building cleaner and in better repair? And the pictures in the National Museum of Arts give you a good idea of Danish history, a good insight into Danish life outside the capital that absorbs so large a proportion of the population. A print of one is before me as I write, an old shepherd with his sheep on a wide and desolate heath, his long hair straggling from under his cap, with blue eyes and weather-beaten face knitting industriously as he walks towards you. And there are interiors of the clean and orderly farm houses; one striking picture of a cottage with a coffin waiting for the dead man; but always the same resolute, capable peasant type. Yes, the National Gallery teaches even the average tourist much of Danish history and Danish people.

The trams in Copenhagen are delightful; they are so easy to understand. When you have once mastered the fact that 2, 5 or 17 will all carry you to your hotel, if you stick to them long enough, you feel so independent. English also is so generally spoken, and the Danes are wonderfully polite and ready to help you if you have lost your way. When I went out alone and found myself stranded I always asked for Absolon, he was a nice firm

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