

HEALTH BULLETIN FOR JUNE

Maryland Officials Publish Their Report.—Increase in Number of Typhoid Fever Cases.

No serious epidemic diseases prevailed throughout the State in the month of June. Measles is rapidly declining to its normal level. As compared with the month of May, the typhoid fever mortality rate has doubled and the morbidity returns show an increase of 350 per cent. of new cases.

Summer with its dangers and diseases is now fully upon us. The wide prevalence and significance of diarrhoeal and dysenteric troubles were discussed in the Health Officers' Bulletin for May. Of mediocre importance might be mentioned hay fever, hay asthma, vernal catarrh or rose cold, as it is variously called.

Of primary importance, however is typhoid fever sometimes denominated a "vacation disease." Typhoid fever is thus stigmatized, because the means and methods pertaining to the spread of the various transmissible diseases are not as strictly carried out at summer resorts and country places as they are in larger cities and incorporated towns.

Typhoid fever, as a rule, attacks healthy, vigorous individuals of from fifteen to thirty years of age. It is especially fatal in young men. In the United States, in round numbers, 50,000 persons annually die of typhoid fever.

As stated in circular letter No. 73, addressed to health officers, mayors, and town commissioners throughout the State, the prolonged drought of the present summer is especially conducive to high morbidity and mortality rates from typhoid fever.

The best safeguards against typhoid fever are (1) systematic examination of all sources of water supply, public or private; (2) milk inspection; and (3) a closer watch over raw foods.

Tuberculosis: Deaths reported 100, as compared with 73 in May, and 105 in April. Of these 100 deaths 53, or 53 per cent. occurred in white persons; the remainder 47 deaths or 47 per cent. occurred in colored persons.

Influenza: Number of deaths reported 5, as against 13 in May, and 23 in April. All of the deaths occurred in white persons. The youngest was a female aged 8 months; the eldest was a woman 87 years of age.

Mumps: No death. Number cases reported 9, as against 6 in May, and 35 in April. Seven of the patients were white, and 2 colored.

Small-Pox. No death. Number of cases reported 8, as compared with 11 in May, 3 in April, and 7 in March. All of the 8 cases occurred in Baltimore county. Seven of the patients were unvaccinated colored persons, ranging in age from 5 to 23 years, and living at Poplar Heights.

Sparrows Point. Seven of the cases were discovered and sent to the Quarantine Hospital by Dr. John W. Harrison, Health Officer; The eighth case, by Dr. J. S. Woodward, Sparrows Point.

Chicken-Pox: No death. Number of cases reported 5, as compared with 2 in May, and 24 in April. All of the cases occurred in children. No epidemic centre.

Whooping Cough: Deaths reported 12, as against 15 in May, and 10 in April. Additional cases reported 20, as against 6 in May, and 38 in April. All of the deaths occurred in infants and children.

Measles: Number of deaths reported 2, as against 8 in May, 26 in April, 3 in March, and 6 in February. Both of the deaths occurred in white children, one a male child, aged 4 years, the other a female infant aged 1 month and 2 days.

Scarlet Fever: Number of deaths reported 3, as compared with an equal number in each April and May. Two of the deaths were white children, and one was a colored child 5 years old. Additional cases reported 25, as against 32 in May, and 35 in April.

Diphtheria: Number of deaths reported 7, as against 6 in May, and 14 in April. All of the deaths occurred in infants and children. The youngest two decedents were colored male infants aged, respectively, 3 months 6 days, 1 1/2 years.

Erysipelas: Three deaths reported, as against an equal number in May. Two of the deaths were in infants, and one in a white man 75 years old.

Meningitis: Number of deaths reported, 12, as compared with 5 in May. Eleven of the deaths were in infants and children; one was in a white woman aged 25 years.

Malaria: Two deaths reported, as against 1 in May. One additional case reported, that of a white male, aged 35 years.

Septicemia: One case of septicemia, or blood-poisoning, reported in a white man 62 years of age. The blood-poisoning resulted from an infected wound.

Typhoid Fever: Deaths reported 15, as against 8 in May, 15 in April, and 10 in March. Eight of the deaths were in white persons and 7 in colored persons. There were 11 males. The youngest decedent was a boy of 9 years; the eldest was a man 50 years of age.

The following cases occurred on water-sheds of the Potomac river watershed—Allegany county. Lonaconing, 2 cases; Cumberland 2 cases; Frostburg, 1 case. Charles County: Waldorf, 1 case. Frederick County: Buckeystown, Brunswick, Doubs and Adams-town, each 1 case.

On the Patuxent river water-shed—Baltimore county: Catonsville Avenue, Brooklandville, Pikesville, Gwynbrook, and Roslyn, each 1 case; Granite, 2 cases; Reisterstown 4 cases. Carroll county: Springfield Hospital, 1 case. Howard county: Elkridge, 1 case. Total 14 cases.

On the Patuxent river water-shed—Calvert county: Huntingtown, Bartow and Port Republic, each 1 case. Montgomery county: Brookeville, 3 cases; Unity, 1 case. Prince George county: Laurel, 2 cases; Forestville, 2 cases; Aquasco, 1 case. Total 12 cases.

On the Choptank river water-shed—Dorchester county, Cambridge, 1 case. On the Chester river water-shed—Queen Anne county, Crumpton, 1 case. On the Wicomico river water-shed—Salisbury, Wicomico county, 4 cases.

Baltimore city water system, Gunpowder river water-shed: Harford county: Edgewood, 1 case. Lake Roland water-shed: Baltimore county, Lutherville, 2 cases; Charles St., extended, 1 case. Total, 3 cases.

Infectious Disease reports have been received from all but the following jurisdictions: Cumberland, Dr. George L. Carder, H. O., Carroll county, Dr. Charles R. Foutz, H. O., Garrett county, Dr. H. W. McComas, H. O., Cambridge, Dr. Jacob L. Travers, H. O.; Easton, Dr. Phillip Lee Travers, H. O.; Garrett Park, Dr. Eugene Jones, H. O.; Hancock, Dr. H. E. Tabler, H. O. Pocomoke City, no health officer (vacancy.)

The following jurisdiction has failed to furnish birth and death returns. Garrett county, Dr. H. W. McComas, H. O.

Letter To The Editor.

[The Editor would have it understood that he is not responsible for the views expressed in communications addressed to him and published in THE CHRONICLE.]

Ten Days in Emmitsburg.—An Appreciation.

Editor Emmitsburg Chronicle:

Apropos of my recent visit and my family's present stay in Emmitsburg, I will thank the good editor to give space to this appreciation of Emmitsburg and its people.

As I have not the time at my command to write individually, as I would like to, to the many friends of my first visit to the dear Old Burg, I beg the favor of your next issue to publish our grateful acknowledgement of the many courtesies and kindnesses—the proverbial Southern hospitality—that has been extended to us by all in and about Emmitsburg on this most enjoyable of our holidays.

It is to be regretted that pressure of my official duties will not permit now of a detailed account of our travels through the most historically interesting points of Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania, on the way to our Emmitsburg home.

Since my arrival in Emmitsburg I have been asked by its natives to give some impressions of the little town. What do you think of Emmitsburg and its people? is the question so often asked. Surely, nothing I can say in praise or criticism can add nor detract to or from Emmitsburg that nature has so generously endowed.

"Lives there the man with soul so dead" for nature's country who is not better for breathing its pure mountain air and drinking its crystal waters? Is there ever so hardened a cosmopolite who does not enjoy its rough country lanes, its stately shade trees and little garden spots? What heart would not warm to its ancient homes and old inhabitants? Who has been there and carries not lasting memories of its impressively old Saint Joseph's and Mount St. Mary's Colleges and its Churches? Who has tried and not enjoyed the rough and rocky mountain drives from Emmitsburg, and its famous old trotter, "Bess?" Why! Bess, you old rogue, I still hear the rattle of my bones rough riding behind your freaks and pranks on the many roads to Emmitsburg.

While I am on the road or roads of Emmitsburg, let me offer, by way of suggestion, and I think all of its citizens will join me in the wish for new and better graded pavements and smoother

roads in and all around Emmitsburg—especially for improved railroad facilities for getting there, so that Emmitsburg may enjoy the full benefit of its splendid location, its healthful surroundings and magnificent scenery.

Back to city hustle and bustle and all the city cares, I shall never forget while memory lives, Emmitsburg's healthgiving joys, its people of remarkable culture and unbounded hospitality, of the fine manner and simple life.

The grind of city life is made lighter in fond hopes of living those days again and with me, I trust your readers will appreciate more than ever before the immortal Scott's lines—

"Breathes there the man, with soul so dead, Who never to himself hath said, This is my own, my native land!" N. Y. July 27, 1908. W. K. K.

THE DANGER OF BEING SMART

And the Verbose and Misleading Nonsense Which Many So-Called Smart Speakers Utter.

Rev. Charles A. Mitchell of Cherokee, Okla., says the New Bedford Standard, evidently thought it necessary to startle New York city, and so he said things like these, and others like them, in a lecture at the building of the Young Men's Christian Association in that city the other day:

Upon good authority, he has learned that only one-eighth of the marriages in this country turn out happily.

If he were a girl he would not for a million dollars marry a man who had sown his wild oats.

Mothers ought not to lie to their children by telling them stories about Santa Claus.

One reason why so many clergymen's sons go wrong is because their fathers have not lived righteous lives.

The public school playground is second only to the saloon as the worst place in this country.

Mr. Mitchell has fallen into the pit of his facility for smart expression. Every one of these remarks, subjected to a coldly critical dissection, is demonstrative of the man's lack of precise thought and of his carelessness of facts. As generalizations, some of them have a taking sound; as statements of well ascertained truth, not one can be unreservedly accepted. Upon what good authority, for example, does he depend for the conclusion that only one-eighth of the marriages in this country turn out happily? Who knows? Who can know? What standard of happiness by which marriages can be tested has been clearly fixed? If there were such a standard, who has the opportunity to test even those marriages which come under his own more or less close observation? The truth about this matter is that nobody knows or can know the proportion of marriages which turn out happily—as happily as anything can turn out in this world. So with Mr. Mitchell's other assertions. They illustrate the danger there is in being smart.

Many doctors say that lawn tennis is the most healthful form of recreation.

WHO IS SYLVIA?



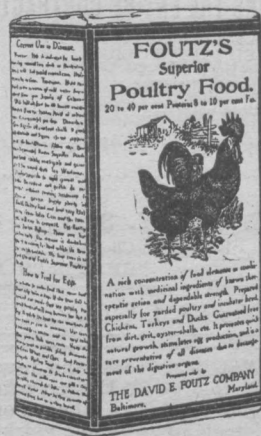
Who is Sylvia? what is she, That all the swains commend her? Holy, fair, and wise, is she; The heavens such grace did lend her That she might adored be.

Is she kind, or is she fair? For beauty lives with kindness. Love does to her eyes repair To help him of his blindness— And, being helped, inhabits there.

Then to Sylvia let us sing That Sylvia is excelling; She excels each mortal thing Upon the dull earth dwelling; To her let us garlands bring.

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