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SPECIAL QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:—

- 1.—What are the best means for disposing of the Sewage of Towns?
- 2.—What are the Causes, and what are the Means for the prevention, of excessive Infant Mortality?
- 3.—What is the Influence on Health of the Overcrowding of Dwelling Houses and Workshops? and by what means could such Overcrowding be prevented?

VOLUNTARY PAPERS ARE INVITED UNDER THE FOLLOWING HEADS:—

- I. The Condition of the Public Health.
- II. The Causes which modify the Public Health.
- III. The Improvement of the Public Health.
- IV. Social and Economical aspects of Public Health.

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SPECIAL QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION :—

- 1.—What are the effects upon Trade of the existing Laws of Maritime Warfare ?
- 2.—Is the granting of Patents for Inventions conducive to the Interests of Trade ?
- 3.—In what respects and to what extent should Government Security and Supervision be applied to the Provident Investments of the Working Classes ?

A Section of this Department will deal with Agricultural Questions ; such as " Statute Hirings ;" " Sale and Transport of Cattle," &c.

VOLUNTARY PAPERS ARE INVITED UNDER THE FOLLOWING HEADS :—

I. Economical Science. II. Conditions of Industrial Success, including the legislative regulation of professions, trades, and employment generally, and of means of supply. III. Condition of the Working Classes, including strikes and combinations ; legislative interference with the hours of labour ; emigration, especially female ; industrial employment of women ; and co-operation. IV. Charity and Relief.

Regulations concerning Papers, and Discussions.

Special Questions.—These, occupying each Department for its first three days, have been prepared by the Committees of the Department, as appearing in the former part of this programme.

No Department or Section shall take up more than one such question on any day.

The Committees will obtain Reports or Papers to open the discussion of these questions, but any Member or Associate may contribute Papers on them, subject to the following conditions :—

(a.) The Paper must not occupy more than twenty minutes in reading.

(b.) Not more than one-half of the day will, under any circumstances, be given up to the reading of Papers ; and it must be distinctly understood that the choice of Papers for reading rests wholly with the Committee of the Department, though the Papers not read may be published in the *Transactions* if the Council think fit.

Other Subjects.—The remaining days of the Annual Meeting are reserved for purely voluntary papers.

The Reports of the Standing Committees will be so enlarged in scope as to embody information and suggestions sent to the Secretaries by individual Members.

General Rules.—No Paper already published can be read.

No Paper, when read, can be published by the Author (unless by permission of the Council) previous to the publication of the *Transactions* of the Association for 1864.

The Council may print any Paper, either in whole or in part, or may exclude it from the *Transactions*, as they see fit.

Every Paper must be sent to the General Secretary, on or before the 1st of September next. On the first page of every Paper must be written the Question or Subject, the Name of the Author, and his address.

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Sir,

We have the honour to forward to you the above Provisional Programme of the Eighth Annual Meeting of the Association at York. We beg to draw your attention to the Special Questions proposed in each Department, and also to the Regulations concerning Papers and Discussions.

We are, Sir,

Your Obedient Servants,

THOMAS MYERS, } *General*
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August, 1864.

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