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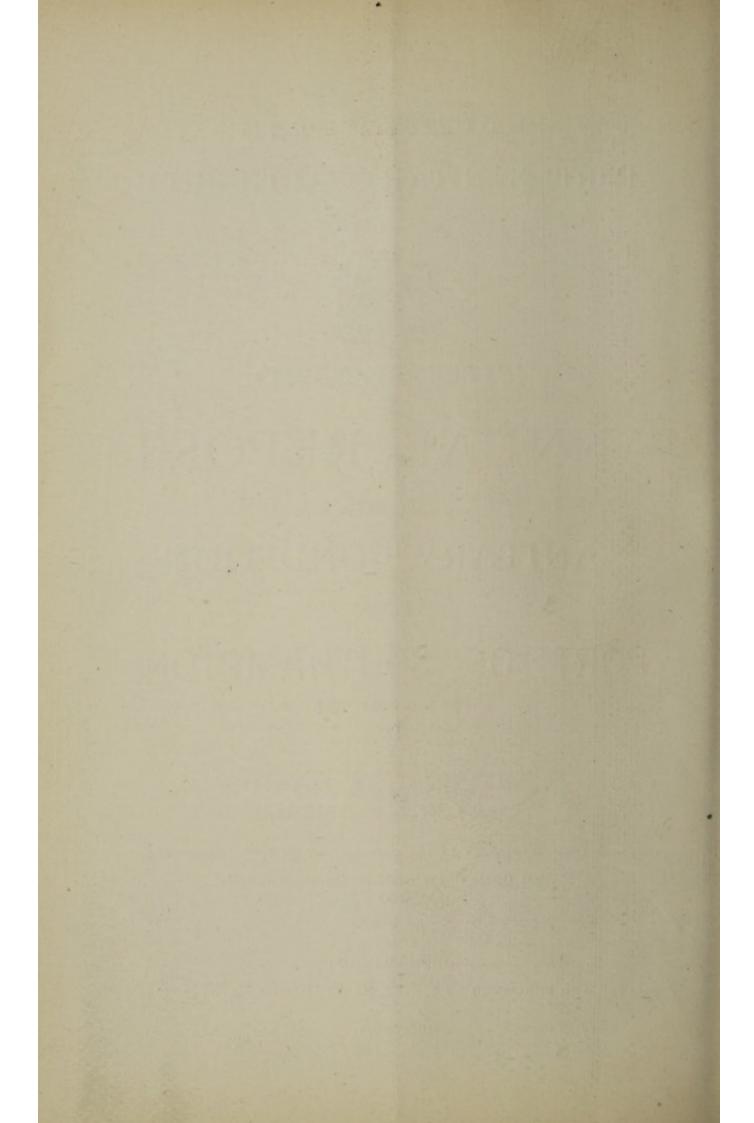
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1893.

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,-

In presenting to you my second Annual Report on the sanitary condition of the Port of Southampton, I have thought it desirable to depart from the course taken in the previous Report published in 1892, by having it separate from the Annual Report on the Health of the Borough, which has already been issued to you.

The most important feature in the year's work has been the continuance of careful inspection of vessels arriving from Cholera-infected Ports, although, compared with the previous year, the dangers presented were not of so severe a character, nevertheless a large number of Ports with which we trade were, at different periods, either suspected or infected. In addition to these the general inspection of all vessels has been most carefully attended to, resulting in the removal of many nuisances and, I hope, increased comfort to the crews of the vessels. Details will be given you later on in this Report.

STATISTICAL. TABLE I.

RETURN OF SHIPS TONNAGE, &c., FOR 1892 AND 1893.

Net Tonnage of the Vessels entering the Port.	2,562,549	2 936,973
Number of Ships arriving under 2,000 Tons.	1,698	1,807
Number of Ships of 2000 Tons and upwards.	П	414 from Foreign. 2 from Home Ports.
Number of Grews Arriving.	56,647	70,614
Number of Passengers Arriving from Jersey.	96,490	27,581
Number of Passengers arriving at the Port from Ports other than Jersey.	13,690	*43,391
Number of Arrivals from Home Ports.	6,256	8,609
Number of Arrivals from Foreign.	2,128	2,221
Year.	1892	1893

* 14,607 of these arrived from the Continent of Europe.

seen that there was a large increase of vessels from Home Ports, also in the number of passengers from foreign places, while the number of vessels of 2000 tons and upwards increased during the year from 111 to 416. The tonnage of vessels entering the Port has increased by nearly half-a-The above Table is compiled from returns obtained from the Customs Authorities. It will be million tons.

CREWS.

The total number of men composing the crews arriving in the Port, according to the Customs' return, amounted to 70,614.

PASSENGERS.

The total number of passengers according to the Customs' return was 70,792, and this by the addition of those arriving but not landing, according to our own return, is increased to 83,212.

By the courtesy of the Board of Trade I am enabled to obtain the number of passengers leaving Southampton for places out of Europe, also the number of aliens arriving here during the years 1892 and 1893; as shown in the annexed Table.

TABLE II.

"Statement showing the number of passengers who left the Port of Southampton for places out of Europe during each of the years 1892 and 1893, and the number of passengers who arrived at Southampton from places out of Europe during the same years; also showing the number of alien passengers who arrived at Southampton from the Continent in 1892 and 1893 as deck passengers, or who after landing, proceeded by train as third class passengers."

	1892.	1893.
Number of Passengers who left for Places out of Europe	21,282	41,563
Number of Passengers who arrived from Places out of Europe	14,785	25,370
Number of Alien Passengers who arrived from the Continent as deck Passengers or who after landing proceeded by train as third class Passengers	364	391

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

I pointed out in the Report for 1892 the legal difficulties which existed in dealing with cases of Small Pox arriving by

ships. I then stated the Port Sanitary Authority had no power of preventing a ship having Small Pox on board entering the Docks, either before or after such vessel had obtained pratique from the Customs. Pratique was never refused in any of the cases, hence there arose a great danger to public health which could have been avoided. Upon my suggestion the Port Sanitary Authority invited the members of the principal shipping lines to a conference, with a view of coming to some friendly arrangement by which such cases might be removed from vessels before entering the Docks, and the necessary disinfection carried out. Representatives of the Royal Mail Steam Packet and Union Steam Ship Companies were alone present at this Conference and very generously met the desires of the Port Sanitary Authority. They further promised to make arrangements to inform the Medical Officer of Health when any of the ships belonging to their respective Companies, having Small Pox on board, arrived or were expected at the port and to give every assistance in the removal of patients and the disinfection of the vessels off Netley, providing no unreasonable delay was exercised by the Authority.

The first vessel to come under these friendly regulations was the S.S. "Scot," which arrived in the Port from the Cape on the 6th February, 1893, with two Small Pox patients on board. These were removed to Hospital in the water ambulance, and six of the crew who had been isolated with them were also taken to the Hospital and bathed, and their clothing was thoroughly disinfected. The ship also was disinfected, and then proceeded to the Docks.

It will be seen that by these arrangements a much greater protection is secured to the Port, as the danger of infection to persons who crowd to a vessel immediately she is alongside has been removed by the disinfection which takes place before the ship enters the Docks.

One case of German Measles arrived on April 11th, by the S.S. "Chester" from New York, but having no accommodation at the Hospital for this case the patient was removed to his home.

Three cases of Scarlatina arrived by the S.S. "New York" on April 29th, and as the Hospital was then occupied by Small Pox cases no accommodation could be found for

them. Attempts were made to obtain a house in the Town for isolation, but without success. Finally the cases were isolated in the Deputy Medical Officer of Health's private house, but not until after a delay of several hours.

On May 9th another case of Scarlatina was brought by the S.S. "Chester," and was removed to the same house.

On May 23rd the S.S. "Berlin" landed two cases of Measles. Having no Hospital accommodation available, the Port Sanitary Authority, after much trouble, rented the whole of a house in Queen's Terrace, where the cases were isolated.

On July 19th the S.S. "Lahn," from New York, landed a destitute patient suffering from Measles. Having no accommodation, Small Pox again occupying the Hospital, the case—a girl—was removed to the Workhouse Infirmary, and there remained until the patient was fit to proceed to her destination.

The above recital of facts shows, in the first place, the difficulties existing in the Port of Southampton in dealing with any epidemic disease brought by vessels; in the second place the waste of time and inconvenience to the Shipping Community, and the false position in which the Port Sanitary Authority are put when they are unable to carry out their regulations; and, third, the extra cost which fall upon the ratepayers for the hurried and, I fear, not too wise, selection of temporary means of isolation. These difficulties I am happy to state, are now things of the past, the Authority having wisely provided a Floating Port Sanatorium, a description of which appears in this Report.

The following Table shows the more important cases of sickness landed by vessels arriving in the Port:—

TABLE III.

ction.	Vessel, Ambu'ance, and Effects disinfected and fumigated by Port Sanitary Authority.	fumigated by Port Authority; fresh inks emptied and by the Company	fumigated by . Authority	The apartments on the ship, cab, and effects fumigated and dis- infected by Port Sanitary Authority	Ship's Hospital and a cabin and effects fumigated: bedding, &c., removed to West Quay and disinfected by Port Sanitary Authority	Ship's Hospital, a cabin, effects, bedding, and cab fumigated and disinfected by Port Sanitary Authority	
Disinfection.	Vessel, Ambu'ance, and Edisinfected and fumigate Port Sanitary Authority.	Apartment fumigated by Sanitary Authority; I water tanks emptied cleansed by the Company	Ship's Hospital Port Sanitary	The apartments and effects fu infected by Authority	Ship's Hospital and a cabin effects fumigated: becker, removed to West and disinfected by Port tary Authority	Ship's Hospital, a bedding, and and disinfected tary Authority	
Action taken.	Patients removed in Water Ambulance to West Quay Hospital, and six of the crew removed to s.s. Morglay for their clothes to be disinfected.	Patient removed to Infirmary; examined the drinking water, but failed to trace the disease	Patient removed in Hospital Ambulance to his home in New Road, Southampton	Patients removed in a cab to a house in St. Mary's Street, Southampton	Patient removed in a cab to Infirmary; examined the drinking water, but failed to trace the disease	The patient and her mother removed in a cab to a house in St. Mary's Street, Southampton	Removed to Infirmary
Nature of Sickness.	Two cases of Small Pox	One case of Typhoid	One case of German Measles	Three cases of Scarlatina	One case of Typhoid	One case of Scar-	One case of Typhoid
Whence.	Cape Town	Antwerp	New York	New York	Brazils	New York	Amsterdam
Name of Vessel.	S.S. Scot	S.S. Magdalena	S.S. Chester	S.S. New York	S.S. Magdalena	S.S. Chester	S.S. Prins Hendrik
Date.	1893. Feb. 6th	Feb. 16th	April 11th	April 29th	May 6th	May 9th	May 9th

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Disinfection.		Cab disinfected by Port Sanitary Authority					Bedding burnt, Patient's effects, disinfected by steam apparatus on board, and vessel thoroughly disinfected by Port Sanitary Authority.	Bedding removed to Hospital and disinfected; Hospital on Ship also fumigated by Port Sani- tary Authority
Action taken.	Case not reported. Patient landed from tender about three hours previous to the vessel coming into the Docks, and proceeded to London by train	The patients and four adults removed in a cab to a house in Queen's Terrace, Southampton	Patient removed to his home	Destitute, removed to Workhouse	Kept on board—recovered	Attended by Medical Officer of Health—recovered	A death from this disease had occurred during the voyage disinfected by steam atus on board, and thoroughly disinfected Sanitary Authority.	Patients removed to West Quay Hospital
Nature of Sickness.	One case of Typhoid Fever	Two cases of Measles	One case of Typhoid Fever	One case of Dysentry	One case of Dysentry	One case of Diarrhœa and Cramp	One case of Yellow Fever	Two cases of Measles
Whence,	West Indies	New York	Brazils	Sydney	Ibrail	Havre	Brazils	New York
Name of Vessel.	S.S. Don	S.S. Berlin	S.S. Thames	S.S. Karlsrake	S.S. Cholmley	S.S. Southampton	S.S. Tagus	S.S. New York
Date.	May 18th	May 23rd	June 2nd	June 14th	June 21st	June 22nd	June 22nd	June 24th

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Disinfection.		Bedding removed to West Quay and disinfected; Hospital on Ship, also fumigated by Port Sanitary Authority	Cabin on Tender fumigated by Port Sanitary Authority	Cabin fumigated by Port Sanitary Authority; clothing removed to West Quay and disinfected.	The Patient had been well isolated on homeward voyage by clearing out the 2nd class saloon, and converting it into a Hospital. The whole of this space, with its cabin, were thoroughly fumigated by the Port Sanitary Authority.	Water Ambulance, Cab, an effects, disinfected by Po Sanitary Authority.
Action taken.		Patient and Attendant removed to West Quay Hospital	Removed to Workhouse Infirmary	The Patient had been previously removed from his home to the West Quay Hospital	The Patient and his Attendant, with their effects, were removed by Water Ambulance to West Quay Hospital The names and addresses of crew and passengers were taken and forwarded to the Medical Officer for the district of their destination.	Patient and effects removed to West Quay Hospital
Nature of Sickness.	Phthisis	One case of Small Pox	Measles brought by Tender, case serious	Small Pox	One case of Small Pox	One case of Diphtheria
Whence.	Cherbourg	New York	New York	Tug-boat be- longing to Southamp- ton	Cape Town	Bremen
Name of Vessel.	S.S. Guernsey	S.S. Berlin	S.S. Lahn	S.S. Vulcan	S. Scot	S.S. Ems
Date.	July 11th	July 17th	July 19th	July 31st	Sept. 14th	Oct. 8th

NUISANCES.

The inspection of all vessels entering the port is systematically carried on with the view of removing any nuisance which may be found to exist. This duty entails a great amount of work, owing to the extended character of the area under control, the places for visiting being the Docks, Itchen Wharves, Town Quay, Hamble, Bursledon, Redbridge, and Eling.

The cubic capacity of air space for the crew of a ship is regulated by the Board of Trade, 72 cubic feet being allowed for each person. This is exceedingly small, but, probably, is as much as can be allowed in proportion to the internal capacity of the ship. Still, my experience suggests that all is not done that should be done. Greater attention than is now given is required for proper and more efficient ventilation of the quarters, arranged on such a principle that, whether they wish to have fresh air or no, it cannot be interfered with by the men themselves.

STORES IN CREW'S QUARTERS.

In many ships, principally sailing vessels, a nuisance is frequently found to exist arising from the storage of paint, oils, &c., in the quarters occupied by the crew. Unpleasant vapours and odours are emitted from these stores which are prejudicial to health, and the more so, considering the small air space per man allotted by regulation. The Port Sanitary Authority should have power to deal with this and other nuisances under bye-laws. The only system of procedure at present existing is under the Public Health Act, 1875, which is somewhat cumbrous, and in the majority owners and captains do not really know what is required of them.

USE OF SHIP'S CLOSETS IN DOCK.

Proper regulations are also required to prevent the use of water closets on board when a ship is in dock. This suggestion, of course, involves the provision of necessary accommodation on shore. It can easily be conceived that the discharge of excreta and other foul matter in large quantities into the still water of a dock must result in a

serious nuisance, which becomes most apparent when the water is disturbed by the movement of a ship's propeller.

During the year 162 notices were given to vessels for the abatement of nuisances, and 115 of these were complied with. Default in the remaining cases is explained by the fact that the ships left the jurisdiction of the Port Sanitary Authority before the expiration of the period allowed by the notices in which to abate a particular nuisance complained of.

The following is a resumé of the principal nuisances dealt with:—

NUISANCES. TABLE IV.

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Date.	Name of Vessel.	Whence.	Nuisance Found.	Action taken.
1893. Jan. 2	Lady Constance	Sunderland	A quantity of stores in the mate's berth	Notice served
Jan. 2	S.S. Triton	Aalesund	Forecastle and W.C. uncleanly	Notice served
Jan. 3	S.S. Dora	Jersey	Firemen's forecastle uncleanly	Notice served
Jan. 3	S.S Dane	Cape Town	Forecastle uncleanly	Notice served
Jan. 4	S.S. Laura	Lying up	W.C. filthy	Notice served
Jan. 4	S.S. Triton	Aalesund	W.C. filthy	Notice served
Jan. 6	Brothers	Ryde, I.W	Overhead uncleanly	Notice served
Jan. 6	Emma	Portsmouth	Cabin uncleanly	Notice served-not com-
Jan. 7	S.S. Carl Rahtkens	Sulina	Forecastle uncleanly	Notice served
Jan. 7	S.S. Hilda	Lying up	W.C. on port bow filthy	Notice served
Jan. 10	S.S. Elbe	Antwerp	Paint, oil, and paint pots, &c. in the	Notice served-not com-
Jan. 11	Isabella	Sunderland	Defective bulkhead in forecastle	Notice served
Jan. 13	Despatch	Cowes	Cabin uncleanly and ship's stores kept	Notice served
Jan. 13	Attempt	Cowes	Forecastle uncleanly, funnel of fire-	Notice served
Jan. 13	S.S. Tagus	Brazils	Paint, oil, and paint pots, &c. in the	Notice served
Jan. 19	Hope	Cork	Forecastle uncleanly and ship's sails in same	Notice served—not com- plied. Vessel sailed

Action taken.	Notice served—not com-	Notice served—not com-	Notice served—not com-	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served	y Notice served	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served	aint Notice served-not com-	Z	Z	tive Notice served—not com-
Nuisance Found.	Seamen's apartment uncleanly	Cabin and forecastle uncleanly	Forecastle uncleanly	W.C. on starboard bow filthy	Forecastle uncleanly	Forecastle uncleanly	Forecastle uncleanly	Forecastle deck overhead uncleanly	Ship's stores in mate's berth	W.C. filthy	Forecastle uncleanly	Seamen's W.C. filthy	Forecastle uncleanly and defective paint	Defective paint lockers in forecastle	Forecastle uncleanly and deck over	Forecastle uncleanly and defective
Whence.	Cherbourg		Cherbourg	Cape Town	Swansea	Exmouth	Morrison Haven	Cardiff	Sunderland	Dublin	Glasgow	Dublin	London	n	Sunderland	Woolston
Name of Vessel.	Achille Celestine Ch	Dan and Mary Cork	Progress Ch	S.S. Dane Ca	Eagle Sw	Lively Ex	Ouse Mo	Northam Ca	Lady Constance Su	tess of	S.S. Portland Gla	Hudson	Swallow Lo	Seabird Hull	Grace Sun	Peace Wo
Date.	1893. Jan. 20	Jan. 23	Jan. 26	Jan. 26	Jan. 27	Jan. 27	Jan. 27	Jan. 27	Feb. 13	Feb. 18	Feb. 20	Feb. 21	Feb. 23	Feb. 24	Feb. 24	March 2

Date.	Name of Vessel.	7	Whence.	Nuisance Found.	Action taken.
1893. March 3	S.S. Dora	:	Jersey	Firemen's forecastle uncleanly	Notice served
March 4	Mary Gertrude	:	Wexford	Ship's stores in the forecastle	Notice served -
March 6	Pioneer	:	London	Ship's stores in the forecastle	Notice served
March 8	S.S. New York	:	New York	Firemen's forecastle uncleanly	Notice served
March 10	Raven	:	Sunderland	Forecastle uncleanly	Notice served
March 10	William Anna	:	Hartlepool	Defective paint lockers in the cabin	Notice served
March 10	Nina	:	Sunderland	Forecastle uncleanly	Notice served
March 13	Olive Leaf	:	Plymouth	Forecastle uncleanly	Notice served
March 14	Wideawake	:	St. Monans	Forecastle uncleanly	Notice served
March 14	Emma	:	Marchwood	Cabin uncleanly	Notice served
Marth 14	Eastern Bell	:	London	A quantity of fibrous material floating	Notice served to cleanse
March 15	Brilliant	:	Pontrieux	Ship's stores in the forecastle	Notice served-not com-
March 16	S S. Thames	:	Antwerp	Forecastle uncleanly	pinea. vessei sallea Notice served
March 16	Laurand	:	Morrison Haven	Forecastle uncleanly	Notice served
March 16	Maid Marion	:	Port Madoc	Forecastle uncleanly and paint kept in	Notice served
March 20	Halls	. :	Invergordon	Forecastle uncleanly	Notice served—not com- plied. Vessel sailed

TABLE IV.—Continued.

Action taken.	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served-not com-	plied. Vessel sailed Notice served	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served-not com-	Notice served—not com-	piled. Vessel salled Notice served	Notice served	Notice served-not com-	Notice served—not com- plied. Vessel sailed
Nuisance Found.	W.C. on starboard bow filthy	Forcastle uncleanly and defective paint	Forecastle deck over head leaky	Forecastle uncleanly	Seamen and firemen's forecastle un-	Ship's stores in the forecastle	Firemen's W.C. and wash house filthy	Seamen and firemen's forecastle un-	Forecastle uncleanly	Firemen's forecastle uncleanly	Ship's stores in the forecastle	Ship's stores in the forecastle	Forecastle uncleanly	Forecastle uncleanly	Forecastle uncleanly	No ventilator to forecastle, and cook- ing stove in same
Whence.	Hamburg	Wexford	West Indies	Garston	Huelva	Plymouth	New York	Cardiff	Brazils	London	Hull	Chichester	Memel	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth
Name of Vessel.	S.S. Grip	Jane Hughes	S.S. Para	S.S. Bass Rock	S.S. Rougement	Gazelle	S.S. Berlin	S.S. Benefactor	S.S. Tagus	S.S. Blarney	Hickman	G.H.C	S.S. Julian	S.S. Belvs	Maud Little	Glencoe
Date.	1893. March 22	March 22	March 23	March 24	March 27	March 27	March 28	March 28	March 30	March 31	April 11	April 22	April 23	April 26	April 29	May 8

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Action taken.	Notice served—not com-	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served—not com-	Notice served	· Notice served	Notice served .	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served
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Nuisance Found.	Forecastle uncleanly	W.C. on starboard bow filthy	W.C. filthy and discharge pipe choked	W.C. on port bow filthy	Forecastle uncleanly, cooking stor	Port W.C. choked	Ship's stores in the forecastle	Firemen's forecastle uncleanly	Refuse in the forecastle	Cabin uncleanly	Forecastle ventilator stopped up with	Forecastle deck overhead leaky,	W.C. filthy	Firemen's forecastle uncleanly	Firemen's forecastle uncleanly	W.C. on port bow choked
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Whence.	Penarth	New York	Jersey	Cork	Sunderland	St. Malo	Liverpool	Dublin	West Indies	Marchwood	Sunderland	Seaham	West Indies	Cape Town	Yeisk	Liverpool
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Name of Vessel.	S.S. Bessie	S.S. Chester	S.S. St. Kilda	S.S. Blarney	Seabird	S.S. Ella	Dauntless	S.S. Lady Wode-	S.S. Orinoco	Advent	S.S. Henry Brand	Lucinda	S.S. Medway	S.S. Scot	S.S. Chingford	S.S. Mary Hough
Date.	1893. May 11	May 12	May 13	May 15	June 5	June 7	June 9	June 10	June 17	June 20	June 24	June 27	July 3	July 7	July 7	July 11

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Date.	Name o	Name of Vessel.	Whence.	Nuisance Found.	Action taken.
1893. July 11	William Varney	Varney	Brussels	Forecastle overhead uncleanly, cooking stove in the forecastle and no bonnet	Notice served—not complied. Vessel sailed
July 11	Cite Celeste	este	St. Brieuc	to ventilator Forecastle uncleanly	Notice served—not com-
July 11	Lord Ha	Lord Hartington	Seaham	No bonnet to forecastle ventilator	Notice served—not com-
July 15 .	Collina	:	Sunderland	Forecastle and seamen's hammocks un- cleanly, sales and ropes on forecastle	Notice served—not com- plied. Vessel sailed
July 15	Isabella	:	Sunderland	floor Forecastle uncleanly	Notice served
July 15	Kelpie		Seaham	Forecastle uncleanly	Notice served
July 17 .	Nina	:	Sunderland	Ships store's in the forecastle	Notice served
July 20	S.S. Baltzarvon	zarvon	Hernösand	Forecastle uncleanly	Notice served
July 21	S.S. Brittany	tany	Lying up	Forecastle uncleanly	Notice served
July 21	S.S. Dora		Lying up	Forecastle uncleanly	Notice served
July 24	Rapid		Guernsey	Forecastle uncleanly	Notice served
Juls 24	S.S. Gler	S.S. Glendower	Archangel	Bunks in the forecastle uncleanly	Notice served
July 25 .	Ada Jane	9	Newcastle	Ship's stores in the forecastle	Notice served-not com-
July 25 .	Vivid		Cowes	Forecastle uncleanly	Notice served
July 25 .	Peace	:	Lying up	Forecastle uncleanly	Notice served—not complied. Vessel sailed

Action taken.	Notice served—not com-	Notice served	Notice served—not com-	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served—not com-	in Notice served	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served
Nuisance Found.	Ship's sails in the forecastle	Forecastle uncleanly	Forecastle uncleanly	W.C. filthy	Forecastle uncleanly	Forecastle uncleanly	Forecastle uncleanly	Port seamen's w.c. filthy	Forecastle uncleanly	Bunks in forecastle uncleanly	Forecastle uncleanly	in earthenware pan	One of the firemen's bedding filthy	Firemen's forecastle uncleanly	Seamen's w.c. filthy	Forecastle uncleanly
Whence.	Seaham	Raumo	Newport, (Mon)	Antwerp	Sunderland	Leith	Seaham	New York	Sunderland	Cardiff	London	Liverpool	Cork	Glasgow	Liverpool	Archangel
Name of Vessel.	Fearless	de	Guide	S.S. Magdalena	Laura	Pride	Kelpie	S.S. Berlin	Raven	Lythmoor	Zenobia	Rolla	S.S. Killarney	S.S. Aranmore	S.S. Mary Hough	S.S. Zaripha
Date.	1893. July 25		Aug. 4	Aug. 4	Aug. 11	Aug. 11	Aug. 16	Aug. 16	Aug. 22	Aug. 22	Aug. 31	Sep. 4	Sep. 4	Sep. 4	Sep. 5	Sep. 11

TABLE IV.—Continued.

Action taken.	Notice served	Notice served—not com-	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served—not com-	Notice served	Notice served—not com-	Notice served	Notice served—not com-	Notice served—not com-	Notice served	Notice served
Nuisance Found.	Seamens' w.c. in port bow filthy	About a ton of coal in the forecastle	Forecastle uncleanly, and engine round	Forecastle uncleanly	Steerage apartment uncleanly	Forecastle uncleanly	Forecastle uncleanly	Firemen's forecastle uncleanly	Paint, and paint pots in the forecastle	Two w.c.'s in fore cabin defective	Forecastle uncleanly	Forecastle filthy	Forecastle uncleanly	Defective paint locker in the forecastle	Water dropping from a pipe in bunks	Firemen's forecastle uncleanly
Whence.	West Indies	Llanelly	Lying up	Sunderland	Cork	Saplin Sound	Cork	Capetown	Cork	Guernsey	Plymouth	Port Townsend	London	Sunderland	New York	New York
Name of Vessel.	S.S. Medway	Rusko Castle	S.S. Ella	Laura	S.S. Blarney	Empire	Ave Karine	S.S. Scot	Elizabeth Ellen	S.S. Dora	Willie	Empire	Allegro	May Queen	S.S. Paris	S.S. New York
Date.	1893. Sep. 11	Sep. 11	Sep. 11	Sep. 12	Sep. 12	Sep. 13	Sep. 16	Sep. 19	Sep. 19	Sep. 19	Sep. 20	Sep. 21	Sep. 23	Sep. 29	Oct. 4	Oct. 19

Action taken.	Notice served Not complied. Vessel	sailed Notice served	Notice served—not com-	Notice served	Notice served-not com-	Notice served—not com-	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served—not com-	Notice served—not com-	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served
Nuisance Found.	Fresh water pump leaky, water dripping in firemen's forecastle from same Cabin overhead uncleanly	Seamen's deck house ventilator defec-	Port side of forecastle uncleanly	Urinals choked in port w.c.	Cabin uncleanly	Cabin uncleanly	Firemen's forecastle uncleanly	Forecastle uncleanly and ship's sails in	Paint and paint pots lying about the	Forecastle deck leaky	Forecastle uncleanly	Sides of forecastle uncleanly, overflow	castle, no drain or gutter to same Forecastle uncleanly and ship's stores	Sides of fremen's apartments very wet	Firemen's forecastle uncleanly
Whence.	Sunderland	Sunderland	Shields	St. Malo	Yarmouth, I.W	Beaulieu	Dublin	Portsmouth	Plymouth	Hartlepool	Königsberg	Atti	Cork	New York	Dublin
Name of Vessel.	S.S. Waldridge	Canadian	S.S. J. M. Strachan	S.S. South Western	Traveller	Brothers	S.S. Countess of	Union	Hopewell	S.S. Broomsgrove	Christiane	S.S. Columbia	Florence Muspratt	S.S. New York	S.S. Lady Olive
Date.	1893. Oct. 23	Nov. 8	Nov. 20	Nov. 21	Nov. 22	Nov. 22	Nov. 25	Nov. 27	Nov.28	Nov. 28	Nov. 28	Nov. 29	Nov. 29	Dec. 2	Dec. 2

Action taken.	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served	Notice served—not com- plied. Vessel sailed	Nôtice served	Notice served—not com- plied. Vessel sailed	Nôtice served	Notice served—not com- plied. Vessel sailed	Notice served	Notice served—not com- plied. Vessel sailed	Notice served—not com- plied. Vessel sailed	Notice served -			
Nuisance Found.	Forecastle uncleanly	Ship's galley uncleanly	Forecastle uncleanly	Sides of firemen's apartments very wet		Defective funnel, cabin fireplace	Ship's gear in the forecastle	Ship's stores in the forecastle	Forecastle uncleanly	Cabin uncleanly	Cabin and forecastle uncleanly	Ships stores in the forecastle in locker without doors	Seamly and firemen's forecastle un-	funnel, cabin fireplace	Deck and bulkhead defective in the	e forecastle, a
Whence.	Aberdeen	Sunderland	Christinestad	New York	Christchurch Bay	Cowes	London	London	Cowes	Bursledon	Dantzic	London	Liverpool	Fareham	Barry	Fareham
Name of Vessel.	Maggie	Juanita	Fiducia	S.S. Paris	Mary	Ellen and Sarah	Sussex Belle	Alert	John Martin	Robert and Sarah	S.S. Mietzing	Lord Shaftesbury	S.S. Graceful	Lord Londes-	S.S. Charles Mitchell	Glencoe
Date.	1893. Dec. 4	Dec. 4	Dec. 5	Dec. 6	Dec. 7	Dec. 7	Dec. 8	Dec. 11	Dec. 13	Dec. 16	Dec. 18	Dec. 20	Dec. 20	Dec. 22	Dec. 27	Dec. 29

Date.	Name of Vessel.	ssel.	Whence.	Nuisance Found.	Action taken.
	1893. Dec. 29 S.S. Para	:	Nicolier	Forecastle uncleanly	Notice served
6	Dec. 29 S.S. Dauntless	:	Nicolier	Forecastle uncleanly	. Notice served
0	Dec. 30 Ebenezer	:	Sunderland	Forecastle deck leaky	Notice served

SHIP'S HOSPITALS.

Without wishing to be arbitrary in dealing with the Shipping Companies, I would point out that in their own interest and, perhaps, more important still, the interest of their passengers and crews, the Hospitals on board ship should be placed in a position that would afford better means of isolating infectious cases than are at present generally found. It will hardly be supposed that some of the largest mail steamers trading to and from this port have their Hospitals immediately contiguous to the sleeping cabins of the third class passengers and the stewards. Only recently a case of Small Pox was removed from a vessel which up to the time of removal had been treated in a cabin situate under the fore hatch, and immediately contiguous to the quarters occupied by eleven stewards and a provision store room. Below the deck on which this cabin is situate, and in direct communication with it, were the emigrants' quarters. Comment on such a condition of things is needless; the evil is obvious, and it would be efficiently met if it were made compulsory that ship's hospitals should be placed on the upper deck as far aft as possible.

CHOLERA PRECAUTIONS.

Owing to the recrudescence of cholera on the Continent several Ports were affected with which Southampton is in direct communication. The regulations of the Local Government Board, with the object of preventing the importation of the disease, were carried out as strictly at this Port as they were in 1892. These regulations involve the inspection off Netley of every vessel arriving from an infected or a suspected port, and to carry out this work efficiently it was necessary for the Port Sanitary Staff to be on duty both night and day. I am glad to be afforded this opportunity of bearing testimony to the readiness with which the Inspectors responded to the exceptional calls made upon them.

There were 273 vessels arriving during the year from infected or suspected ports, carrying to Southampton 9250 passengers, every one of whom was examined by your Port Medical Officer before any permission to land was given.

When necessary, the names and addresses of passengers landing were taken and forwarded to the Medical Officer of the district to which they were going.

Other precautions included the emptying and cleansing of water tanks and bilges, disinfection where necessary, the emptying of ballast tanks in cases where the water had been taken from infected rivers, the prevention of the landing of filthy clothing, except for the purpose of disinfection—this was necessary only in the case of the crews of some grain ships—and the control of the importation of rags. In 1892 there was an absolute prohibition of the landing of rags from certain European ports, but this veto was removed in 1893, and as a result 6085 bales were landed from Havre, Cherbourg, Jersey, and St. Malo, more than half the number coming from the last-named port.

One case of Cholera arrived here in the steam ship "Glenmore," from the Black Sea, with grain. The patient, an Engineer, was in a moribund condition, and was removed to the Temporary Hospital Ship "Morglay," whence he was discharged convalescent at the expiration of three weeks. During the voyage there had been several suspicious cases of Diarrhæa on board, and two men were reported as having been treated at Malta for Cholera, but these had recovered before the "Glenmore" reached Southampton. The vessel was disinfected, and all necessary precautions were taken on board, and before the crew were allowed to land the correctness of the addresses they had given of the several destinations to which they were going were verified by telegram.

It may be well to state in connection with this important matter that certain difficulties, to which I referred in my Report last year, affecting the performance of the work of the Port Medical Officer and his Staff, are still found to exist. For instance, unless the Port Medical Officer is actually in waiting to challenge a vessel on arrival from a cholera infected or suspected port in all probability she will proceed at once to the Docks, and thus becomes a centre of public danger. This difficulty can be avoided only by having a Medical Officer on duty day and night, and where no assistance is given, as was the case at Southampton last year, it has frequently necessitated my being on duty two

days and nights continuously without relief of any kind. This is more likely to happen in the case of vessels coming East, as their approach to the Port cannot be so readily notified as those coming West. The latter can be signalled from Hurst Castle, though not in every case, even then, is the warning given. Sometimes a captain will not incur the expense of signalling, and cases have been known in which vessels signalled at night as passing Hurst Castle "probably for Southampton" have after all proceeded to Portsmouth or some other port, the journey of the Medical Officer and Inspector thus proving fruitless. Other difficulties might be mentioned, some of which would be obviated or lessened by a permanent office in the Docks in telephonic communication with the Medical Officer's Department and residence.

ACCOMMODATION IN THE DOCKS.

In consequence of the large increase of the business of the Port it is frequently necessary that the Officers of the Port Sanitary Authority should be on duty at night. Until recently the Customs placed at our disposal a room in the Watchhouse at the Dockhead, but the accommodation being now required they are unable to continue this favour. Application has been made to the London and South-Western Company for a room but they have not one avail-The necessity for accommodation able for such a purpose. is obvious when it is known that the Inspectors have to keep a Register of all vessels arriving, giving the results of their sanitary examinations, and that the Captains, Dock authorities, and Customs desire frequent communication with the Department on matters affecting the sanitary condition of the Port. At present the Medical Officer and Inspectors have frequently to be on duty in the Docks at night in all weathers, and without shelter of any kind. An office in the Docks would be a convenience to everyone concerned.*

^{*}Since this Report was written a special deputation of the Port Sanitary Authority has waited on Mr. John Dixon, Superintendent of the Docks, with the result that a site has been selected on which an office is proposed to be erected by the South-Western Company, which will be rented by the Port Sanitary Authority.

REQUIRED AMENDMENTS IN THE MEDICAL SUPERVISION OF PORTS.

Since the first outbreak of the recent Cholera Epidemic in Europe, the capabilities of Port Sanitary Authorities have been well tested, and I think it will be generally admitted that much excellent work has been done by the authorities of all British Ports in their successful endeavour to prevent the importation of the disease into this country.

These duties have been carried out at a great expense; no doubt in most cases this expense has been for the moment in excess of the profit accruing to such towns from the fact of their being Ports.

The Port Sanitary Authority of Southampton in conjunction with other Ports, endeavoured to obtain a Government Grant in relief of such expenses, which attempt however, was a failure.

Possibly such pecuniary assistance would be difficult to proportion to Ports in an altogether satisfactory manner, but it seems a little inconsistent that the Board of Trade should receive a Grant towards the expense of working of the ancient Quarantine Laws, still in force as regards Yellow Fever and Plague. These practically obsolete laws are but the relic of the unsatisfactory methods previously adopted for preventing the importation of dangerous epidemic diseases. Surely, if we can prevent Cholera from gaining a footing in the country without Quarantine, Yellow Fever and Plague might be dealt with in a similar manner efficiently. If the practically useless Grant now made the Board of Trade for the purposes named were withdrawn, it might form the basis for Imperial aid to the Ports in relief of the exceptional expenses now cast upon them.

The sanitation of the Port as I have previously shown, is at present vested in several Authorities, which sometimes lead to friction, and occasionally to severe and, too often, unneccesary interference with shipping. This is instanced in the working of the Quarantine Laws, which leads to the delay of many vessels in our river, they having to remain at anchor until cleared by the Board of Trade Officer when coming from Yellow Fever Districts, although all may be

well on board.—The Authorities having control over Port Sanitary work are :—

The Customs' Quarantine Officer.

The Board of Trade who deal not only with Quarantine, but also with Medical Supervision of Emigrants, as well as other Sanitary Provisions.

The Port Sanitary Authority.

I trust the time has arrived when Sanitary Regulations in regard to Ports will be revised, and the duties centred in one responsible Anthority, who may have power to protect alike the interest of the floating population and population on land, by having power to remove fcr isolation cases of the more dangerous deseases brought to our shores, such as Cholera, Yellow Fever, Plague, and Small Pox, prior to a ship entering dock, and also for dealing with the less dangerous diseases after arrival alongside. Apart from the greater efficiency which, in my view, would be attained by centralization in this way, such a system I believe would be found to be more economical than the present divided responsibility, if the expenses now borne by each Authority are summed up in the aggregate.

STEAM AMBULANCE.

In order to carry out the requirements of the Cholera Regulations it became necessary to have a steam launch, which was engaged at a rental of £80 per month. In the beginning of the year, however, the Sanitary Authority purchased a launch of their own which also serves the purpose of an Ambulance, and is, moreover, utilized in the administration of the Floating Port Sanatorium. The cost of this vessel was about £600, for which a loan was granted by the Local Government Board. The launch has proved an entire success, and the purchase has considerably reduced the expenditure in this direction.

FLOATING PORT SANATORIUM.

During the years 1892 and 1893 it was found necessary to hire a vessel, to serve the purpose of a Port Sanatorium for a long period at a rental which varied from £100 to £60 per month, the latter being the lowest sum paid. In addition to such rental was added the cost of hurried conversion and

fitting. The whole of these expenses had to be met out of revenue, thus preventing its distribution over any lengthened period. In August, 1893, the Authority purchased the "City of Adelaide," a vessel for a permanent Port Hospital, and fitted her up to meet all emergencies. The total cost, including the purchase, fitting, mooring, and construction of a landing stage amounted to £5500, for which sum a loan has been granted for 20 years.

The Sanatorium is a composite vessel, having iron frames and beams, with teak sides down to the water line, below which she is made of greenheart. She was for some years engaged in passenger traffic to Australia, and recently the the whole of her space between decks had been utilized for wood cargoes.

DIMENSIONS—Length, 192ft; Beam, 32ft; Depth of Hold, 22ft.

The ship has been moored in the River Test, at a point two or two-and-half miles above the Southampton Pier, away from yachts and shipping generally.

THE WARDS.

In the Hold an entire new pitch pine deck was fitted the entire length of the vessel giving a head room of 7ft 4in. This space has been divided, by air tight partitions, into wards, and adminstration room, and side entrances.

Three wards have been constructed as follows:-

AFTER WARD.—Length, 49ft 9in; Breadth, 30ft 1in; Height, 7in 4ft.

MAIN WARD.—Length, 54ft lin; breadth, 31ft 8in; height, 7ft 3in.

QUARANTINE OR OBSERVATION WARD.—Length, 22ft 6in; breadth, 22ft; height, 7ft 4in.

Entrance Hall and Duty Room.—Length, 30ft 2in; breadth, 17ft 9in; height, 7ft 4in.

The Wards are lighted and ventilated by skylights and large square windows on each side. The ventilation of the after Ward is augmented by two ventilating shafts, 14 inches in diameter.

The walls were thoroughly scraped and cleansed, and then painted and varnished. The overheads were treated in a like manner.

The floors were caulked, and polished with beeswax and turpentine, and have two strips of linoleum for footway. Out of each Ward is a tiled lavatory on the starboard side, and tiled bath room on the port. The duty room is placed between, and in communication with the two larger Wards, viz., the After and Main Wards. It is fitted with sink, dressers, cupboards, and at each end is placed a pair of folding doors, opening out on to a port and starboard pontoon upon the side of the vessel, which forms landing stages, so that in rough weather access can be obtained upon a sheltered side. The access to main deck from the Wards is through the duty room by a central staircase, and is for Patients use. A separate staircase is available outside the ship from the starboard platform to the main deck, for the use of persons avoiding the risk of infection. The observation Ward is entirely separate from the other Wards and the Duty Room, and can be approached only from the main deck.

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT.

The whole of these quarters is arranged on the main deck away from infection, and consist of Nurses' Quarters, Store Rooms, Disinfecting Quarters, Engine House, Kitchen, Caretaker's Quarters, Coal Store, Pantry, Lamp Room, &c.

The Nurses' Quarters consist of a saloon aft, having a general room, with separate sleeping rooms leading out of it to accommodate six nurses.

There is a separate store for bed linen, &c.; also a dry goods store, a nurses' pantry, surgery and dispensary, with poop deck above for exercise. In front of the saloon is a large covered space for Patients' exercise in wet weather, while in fine weather there is plenty of promenade space upon the main deck.

THE HOLD

Below the deck, on which the Wards are situated, is a large space containing stone ballast, the heating machinery, and the bilges. The dimensions of this space are $180 \times 28 \times 14$ feet. It is kept perfectly sweet by a number of circular ports, and inlet and outlet ventilating shafts. The bilges are flushed, disinfected, and pumped dry once a week, a steam pump being provided on deck. The hold space is approached from the entrance hall by two hatchways.

WARMING.

The entire vessel is heated by a circulating hot water system which acts most satisfactorily.

ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING.

Paraffin gimble lamps are used for this purpose, which are extinguished as early as possible, and substituted by swinging candle lamps which burn all night.

PUMPING WATER SUPPLY.

The pumping room is situated on main deck. By the aid of a donkey pump, tanks situated over the kitchen are kept filled with water which grantates to all parts of the vessel. The main fresh water store is in the hold. Hot and cold, fresh and salt water tanks are also provided over the kitchen, which are encased in sawdust and felt for protection from frost.

FIRE APPLIANCES.

A steam fire hose is connected to the donkey pump, and a Dounton's hand pump is kept in constant readiness. Life belts and 2 lifeboats are always at hand in case of accident.

DISINFECTION ROOMS.

These are situated on the upper deck, and are for the use of attendants and nurses, wherein they disinfect on leaving duty, before going ashore or into the saloon. There are three rooms, the first an infected room for infected nursing clothes; the second a bath room; the third a room containing clothes to be worn off duty.

CHOLERA EXCRETA.

The provisions made for the disinfection of Cholera excreta consists of varnished cardboard moulds, which I have designed, made to fit into an ordinary bed pan, into which is placed a mixture of sawdust and perchloride of mercury. After use the mould and its contents are removed immediately to the boiler furnace and burnt.

LAUNDRY.

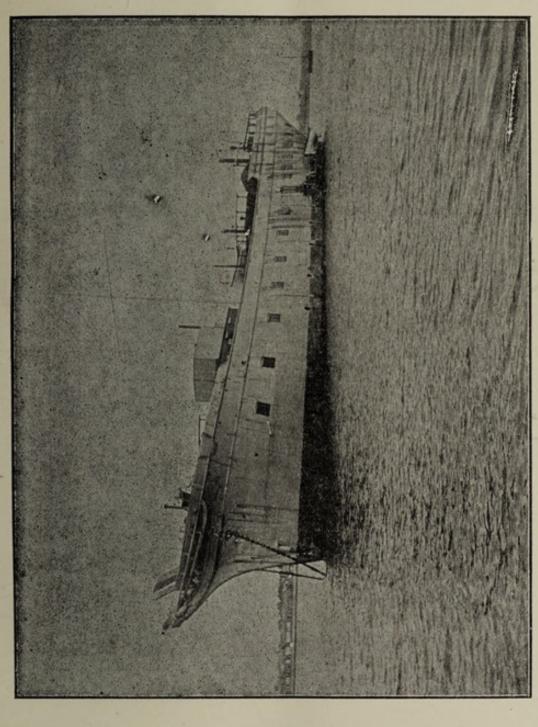
All soiled linen and clothing are placed in a solution of perchloride of mercury, and wrung out; after which they are conveyed to the Laundry attached to the shore infectious hospital.

PLATES AND PLANS.

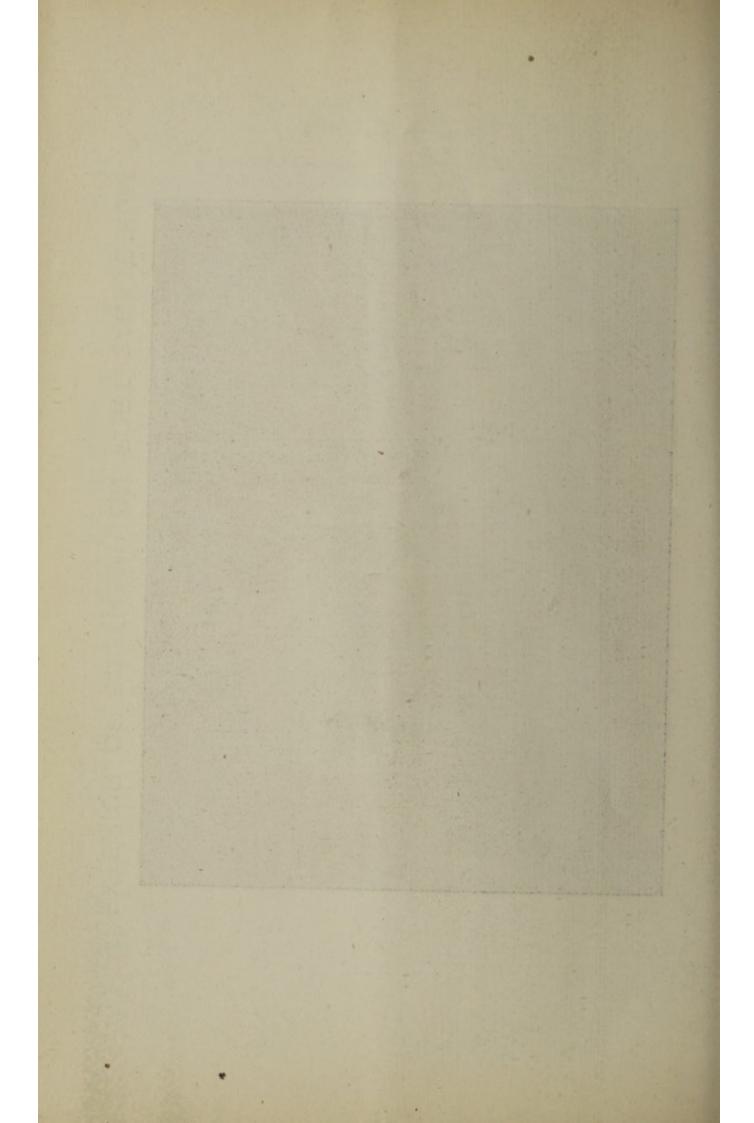
The following Plates give, perhaps, a better idea of the Sanatorium than conveyed by the printed description. The Plates are from photographs which I have taken, while the plan has been prepared by the Borough Surveyor.

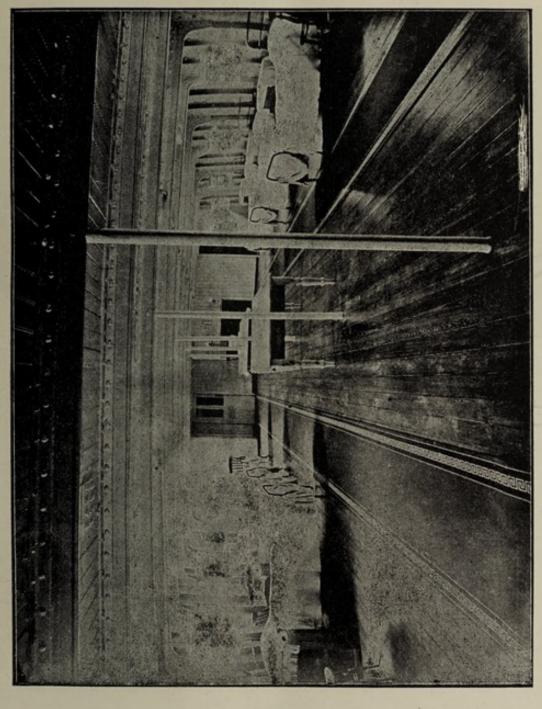
This report shows plainly the increased work and responsibility which has occurred in regard to the Sanitary administration of the Port of Southampton, and will increase still more in the future.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
A. WELLESLEY HARRIS,
Port Medical Officer.

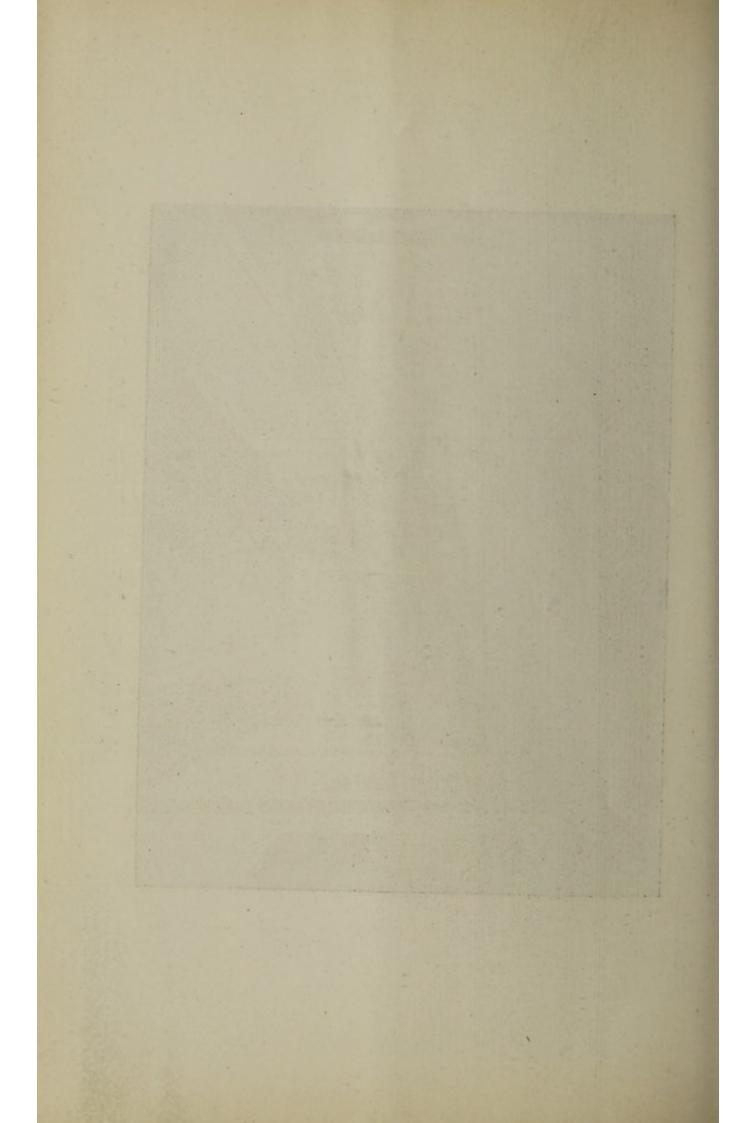


EXTERIOR OF SOUTHAMPTON PORT SANATORIUM.

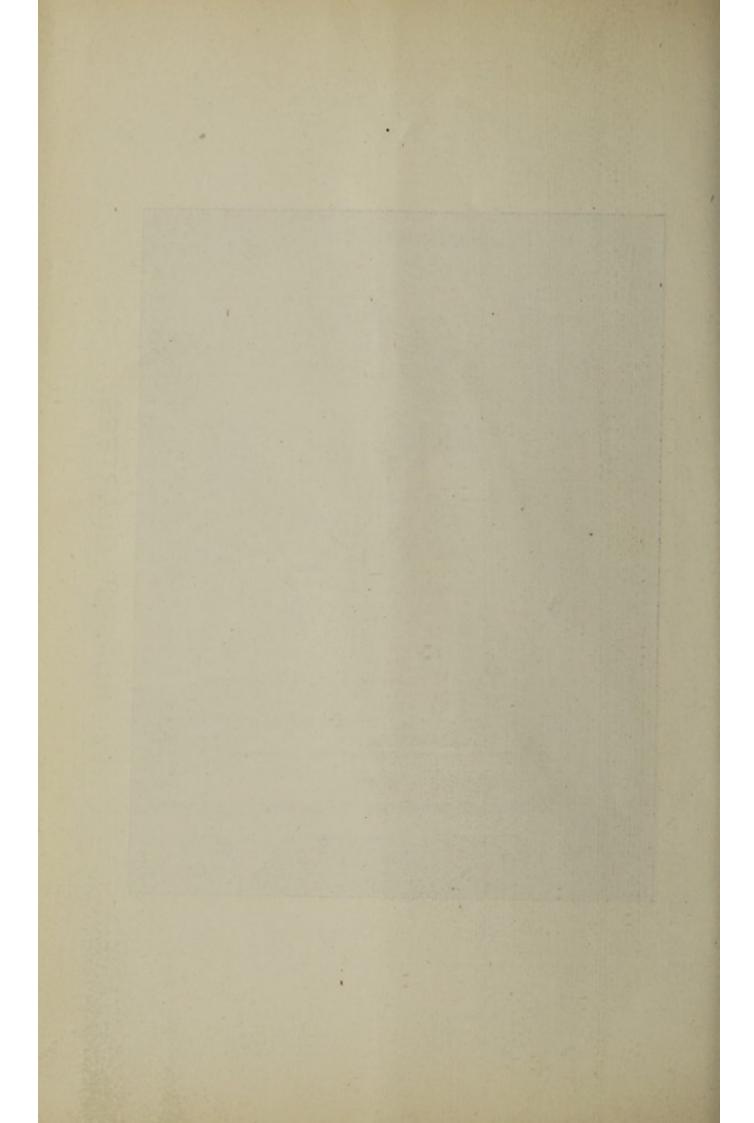




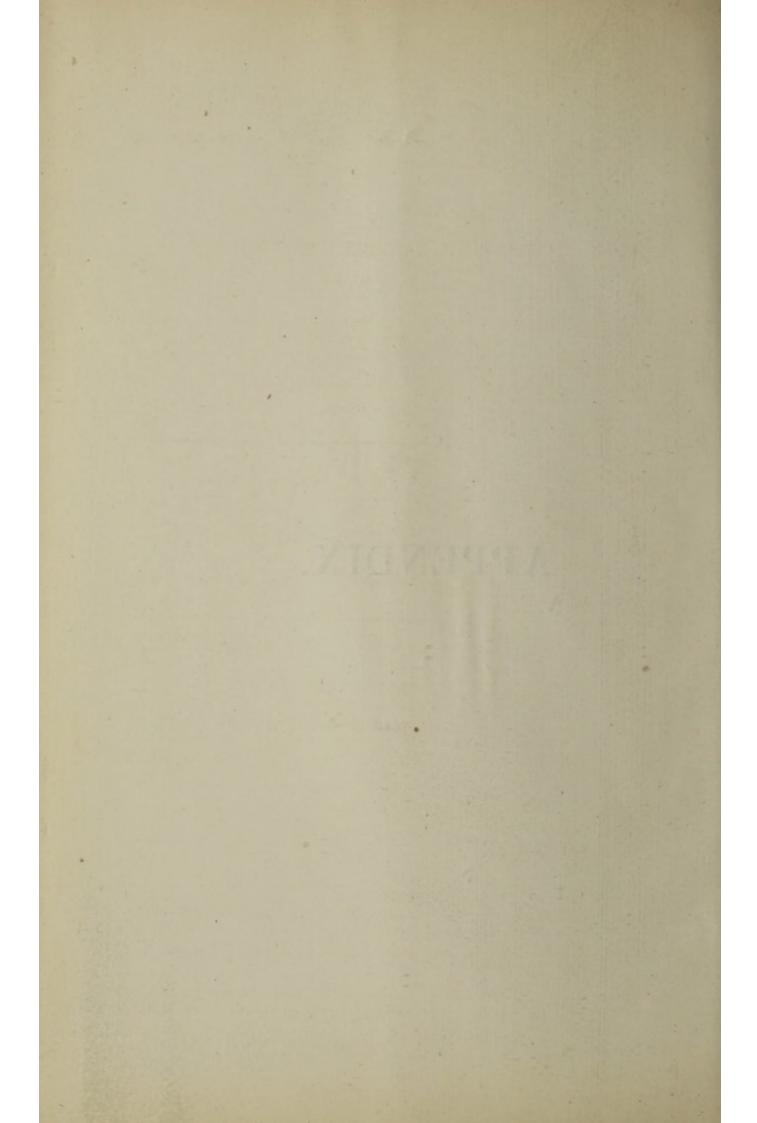
INTERIOR OF AFTER WARD.



NURSES' QUARTERS.



APPENDIX.



The following forms are reduced duplicates of forms used in facilitating Cholera Regulations:—

No. 1.

SOUTHAMPTON PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY.

CHOLERA PRECAUTIONS.

NOTICE.—It is desirable, with a view of checking the introduction or spread of Cholera, that no person shall land (whether a passenger or a member of the crew) until they satisfy the Medical Officer of Health as to their names, places of destination and addresses at such places.

Name in full.	No. of House or Hotel.	Street.	Town.

PENALTY.—The Public Health Act, 1875, provides, by Section 130, that any person wilfully neglecting, or refusing to obey or carry out, or obstructing the execution of any regulation made under that Section, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding FIFTY POUNDS.

NOTE.—The address should be where the passengers intends to reside, not their office or business address.

COMMISSION SANITAIRE DU PORT DE SOUTHAMPTON.

RÉGLEMENT CONTRE LE CHOLÉRA.

AVIS.—Dans le but d'empêcher l'introduction du Choléra et d'arrêter son progrès il est dèsirable que personne (soit passager ou membre d'equipage) ne débarque avant qu'il n'ail fait savoir à l'officier de Santé son adresse et le lieu de sa destination.

Nom entier.	Numero de la maison ou de l'hotel.	Rue.	Ville.

Tout individu refusant de se soumettre à ce réglement se rend passible d'une amende de 50 livres sterling.

NOTA.—Les passagers doivent donner l'adresse de leur residence privée et non celle de leur maison d'affaires.

Note.—These forms are supplied to shipping companies and agents, and are filled in before the vessel's arrival by the passengers, who hand them to the Medical Officer personally.

No. 2.

CHOLERA PRECAUTIONS.

SOUTHAMPTON PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY.

TO THE MASTER OF THE S.S		
From what Port have you come?		
Number of First-class Passengers?		
Number of Second-class Passengers?		
Number of Third-class Passengers?		·
What is the number of Crew?		
Where did you Ship the present Store	of Water?	
Have you any Ballast?		
State nature and source		
Do you carry a Surgeon?		
Has any person on board, either amon or Crew, suffered with Diarrhœa		
Has there been any kind of illness Voyage	during the	
Have you any rags among Cargo?		
What is the nature of your Cargo?		
Are your Bilge Tanks dry?		
I hereby declare the above a	nswers to be	correct.
Signed		
		Master of s.s.
Date	89	

Note.—A supply of these forms may be obtained on application to the Medical Officer. With a view to saving time the form should be filled up before the arrival of the Vessel at Southampton.

No. 3.



PORT OF SOUTHAMPTON SANITARY AUTHORITY.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES, HIGH STREET, SOUTHAMPTON,

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o the Master	
YOU are hereby ordered to pump your Bilges dry, to empty and clear l Water Tanks, and thoroughly cleanse all Closets, Urinals, &c., before enter ock or passing up the River.	nse
PENALTY FOR NON-COMPLIANCE, £50.	
A. WELLESLEY HARRIS,	
Medical Officer of Health, Port of Southampt	ton.
No. 4.	_
PORT OF SOUTHAMPTON SANITARY AUTHORITY.	
MUNICIPAL OFFICES,	
HIGH STREET,	
SOUTHAMPTON.	
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have examined the Ship	
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outhampton, and I find that she has Passengers on board in a filthy or otherwine numbers of the condition of the come from a place infected with Cholera, and the my opinion, it is desirable, with a view to checking the introduction or spread that the persons on board the ship should not be allowed to land under satisfy me as to their names, places of destination, and addresses at such places.	hat, read less
To the Master,	
I HEREBY GIVE YOU NOTICE that none of the passengers named below be allowed to leave your Vessel until their Addresses have been verified, ermission has been given you in writing by the Medical Officer of Health.	are and
· (Signed)	
Medical Officer of Health, or Medical Practitioner appointed by the Port Sanitary Author	ity.

The Penalty for allowing anyone to leave without such sanction is £50.

This form is left on a vessel at the conclusion of medical inspectiou.

No. 5.

SOUTHAMPTON PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY.

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To the Officer of Customs.	
To the Olicer of Customs.	
I hereby cer	tify that having
inspected the S.S.	
which has arrived in this Port from an infecte	ed or suspected
Cholera Port, I am of opinion that she is fit to p	roceed.

A. WELLESLEY HARRIS,

Medical Officer of Health,

SOUTHAMPTON.

