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COMPARED WITH CITIES IN SPAIN.

The following excerpts copied from The Lancet of Sept. 5th are so strongly corroborative of the position the PRESS has taken in the matter of the condition of our surroundings and water supply as to be almost startling:

"The appalling statement that 82,000 people have already died in the Peninsula is already realized in this change in its full meaning. In this article we will endeavor to see what practical lessons we in England can learn from the experiences of the present epidemic.

Every one is agreed that the water-supply, soil, site, surroundings, drainage, etc., exercise a more or less powerful influence in propagating or intensifying the spread of the disease, and any one acquainted even superficially with the country will at once be struck by the comparative immunity of some cities and districts and the frightful mortality in others.

The capital possesses the inestimable gift of a pure and bountiful supply from the Guadalupe range of mountains, which is brought by the Zatlata canal a distance of sixty miles.

Now Madrid is by far the most populous city in Spain—containing about 500,000 inhabitants. Yet, though cholera has been present for three months, it has never reached alarming proportions, nor does it at present show any signs of doing so; twenty fresh cases daily being rather a high average.

It contains a population of 200,000, is well situated, and has a delightful climate. Cholera appeared here last autumn; it never spread to any extent, and died out during the winter.

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If we now turn to some of those cities that have been most severely smitten, such as Aranguez, Valencia and Granada, we shall find that the water-supply is entirely from polluted sources.

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which are situated in the enclosure of each building, generally near the closest drain, so that pollution by filtration is unavoidable. This well water is not supposed to be for either cooking or drinking purposes, but is often used for both.

Granada, which next to Anauquez has suffered out of all proportion to its population, is if possible, worse off than either of the places we have just mentioned, and notwithstanding its elevation, and temperate climate, has been only too fertile a soil for the dread disease.

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