

DISEASES DANGEROUS TO PUBLIC
HEALTH IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
OF U. S. A.

During the month of Aug. 1919, the following diseases of interest to the public have occurred:

In St. Thomas—St. John:

Filariasis	1
Leprosy	1
Tuberculosis Pulm.	1
Trachoma	3 [1 imported]

In Saint Croix.

Amebic dysentery	2
Filariasis	28
Leprosy	1
Mumps	2
Pellagra	3
Trachoma	3
Tuberculosis Pulm.	2
Hook-worm disease	1

E PETERSON.
Chief Sanitary Officer.

EDITORIAL.

We hereby refute most emphatically the assertion made by our esteemed cotem the "West End News" in its issue of yesterday, to the effect that "the Catholics met in St. Gerald's Hall yesterday, (Sunday) and drew up resolutions of protest against the Herald and Avis for *inviting them to read books insulting to their religion*". The words in italics are what we object to. This paper exercised its right to accept advertisements, a right we intend to continue to exercise, and inserted an advertisement signed by Mr. C. S. Mayhew, for books which have caused quite an upheaval in religious and social circles. The Avis has nothing to do with what people advertise and for the last time we say it is a false conception of the rudiments of newspaper ethics to place responsibility upon the editor for what other people offer for sale in his paper. We are tired with this narrow-minded argument now, and would appreciate the Avis being kept out of it.

We have a letter over the signature of Thos. Gaffney and supplemented by several lists of names advising the editor of this paper that "as a protest against the appearance in your paper of Mayhew's advertisement 'Books you ought to read' we hereby cancel our subscription to the Avis". As a matter of fact Mr. Gaffney himself is the only subscriber among about 300 names. Attached to this formidable document is a separate protest signed by a committee charging the Editor with having through insertion of the ad. referred to, "offended the ideals of Catholics and the sense of Common Decency of the Public", and concluding with a resolution "to discourage subscriptions to such a vilifying sheet" and demanding "from the

Editor an apology in the Avis". We refer these good people to the last remark in today's editorial.

A large gathering formed the procession at the funeral of Miss Sarah Quin yesterday afternoon. Revd. M. Wolter of the Moravian Church performed the burial rites.

The theatre was well attended last night and "Peg O' the Ring" in many beautiful and exciting acts was as popular as ever.

It is now said that the S. S. "Parima" from New York which was being looked for tomorrow, is not due before Saturday 19th.

We have information that sealed bids will be received at Hams Bluff Lightstation until 10 o'clock a. m. October 1st. 1919, for the purchase of a black mare and a burro from the United States Government. Bidders are requested to examine the items referred to, which are kept at Hams Bluff Lightstation, Fredericksted Quarter, and will be sold to the highest bidder on receipt of a money order made payable to the Secretary of Commerce, Washington, D. C. Rights are reserved to reject all bids if considered necessary or desirable.

Little Johnny's Slate.

On the Estate,
Sept. the fifteenth.

Dear Mr. Editor:

I could not rite you before, because Daddy was in St. Thomas, and I have to let him see that I do not say anything in my letters against the constitution of St. Croix. In St. Thomas Daddy saw barber shops, taylor shops, icecream parlors and oiltanks; but the icecream he thought did not come up to Labees. Daddy went to St. Thomas to report on the grave situashun here with regards to the Avis, and to borrow the Vixen to go to America to get Billy Sunday this way to have these fellows "Hit the trail". Daddy went over on the schooner Virginia; with the "No expense to the Department" engines; he thinks the new mail boat, when they get it, should be called the August the last. As soon as Daddy got home he axed for the Avises he had missed, and if Mr. Svendsen and Mr. Mayhew, and Mr. Yohansen had been "cleaned up". Mother told him she could not follow the argument for he had locked up the bookcase and she could not get out the dicshunary and the Bible and the encyclopedia. She told Daddy that she had got some books from "Ye Little Book Store" on Company street but Mrs. Pius had borrowed them only to see what kind of paper they were printed on for

she is not allowed to rede them; she said she would return them in 2 weeks. When Daddy saw the Avis for Satterday he said we may as well hold the editor responsible that goods advertised in his paper were "in good condition and in the quantity and quality specified, and that the prices charged were reasonable, correct and just and that payment therefor would be received". I am sorry some of the people have given up the paper, as Mrs. Pius says the best brains of St. Croix are among them, and Daddy says it takes brains to rede my letters. I hope they will borrow somebodys paper, like Mrs. Pius borrows Mother's to see the telegrams and rede my letter on the Q.T.

Yours truly

JONNIE IGNATZ.

MORE ON THE MISUSE OF PUBLIC
BENCHES.

In its issue of Saturday the 12th. instant, the "Herald" disagreed with the objection raised through the "Avis" in regard to the public benches being monopolized by dirty persons whose clothes soil by contact which, according to the Police Regulations, deprives such individuals of the right to what is an accommodation open to all others. The paper thinks the regulation is not quite equitable in that it tends to encroach on the personal liberty of those it affects, and draws examples from conditions in the States where the street cars are at the disposal of all kinds of people, without regard to how they are clad, and where in the public parks there may be seen persons infested with vermin occupying the benches. Experience in the States, at least in New York, does not altogether bear out this comparison. As regards the street cars, it may be conceded that they are used by all classes, workingmen in dirty clothes included; but it is generally the case that such persons ride on the platform holding on to the strap. And even if a workingman occupies a railway compartment, he is on an errand that warrants some accommodation being shown him, and he pays his fare. As for the parks,—the people who frequent them are mostly attired in a tidy manner, and at all events the place is so big, and there are so many seats that nobody need be specially embarrassed by running up against the fellows with vermin on them. On the whole the conditions in the United States and St. Croix are not always amenable to comparison, and in this matter, regulations ought to be adapted to the peculiarities of the place. The Herald has probably mistaken the motive which is not directed against persons, but against a nasty and disgusting practice, and it is feared that its remarks on the subject are likely to be misunderstood as admonishing dirty people who, from sheer slovenliness will