

CORRESPONDENCE.

Yellow Fever in the Ohio Valley.

ED. MED. AND SURG. REPORTER:—

I notice in your issue of August 24th, just received, a paragraph concerning "Yellow Fever and its Rational Treatment," containing a misstatement calculated to do great injury to the medical colleges of this city. The paragraph leaves the impression that the disease is epidemic here, and that hundreds of cases have occurred. A statement of this sort just now, at the season when medical lectures commence, is calculated to divert students to other points. Yellow fever is not now prevailing in Louisville, and never has become epidemic, though at various times within the last thirty years cases have been brought here from the South and nursed by the citizens; in not a single instance have any of them contracted the disease. The City of Louisville has provided a fever hospital, and placed it in charge of an experienced physician, to which all cases developing among the refugees are at once taken. Eight cases in all have developed, in persons coming from Grenada, Memphis and Vicksburg, and of these, two have died. Two of the cases occurred in a crowded hotel, yet none of the inmates contracted it. Louisville never has been in a better sanitary condition, and the rate of mortality has been lower this summer than was ever known before. I trust that you will make this correction.

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Louisville, Aug. 26th, 1878.

[We insert the above, although the paragraph alluded to does not bear the construction put upon it, and, of course, the medical profession read the papers enough to know that, so far, Louisville has escaped the epidemic.—ED. REPORTER.]