their convenience to the vicinity of this water-tank, which is situated in a retired spot behind one of the cowhouses.

In the Axminster district dairy work is also largely engaged in. The greater part of the milk is used in butter-making, but in one case Dr. Mivart found milk was sent daily to London. Nearly all the dairies in this locality were found to present grave defects, such as the storage of milk in ill-ventilated apartments forming a portion of, or contiguous to, living rooms, proximity of filthy privies, or accumulations of refuse to the dairy place, absence of water supply, or use of water from wells probably contaminated, and general want of cleanliness. Most of the cowhouses were dirty and ill-kept. It is noteworthy that in 1882 Dr. Parsons investigated an outbreak of enteric fever at Olapham, and showed that it was apparently connected with milk supplied from certain dairies in the Axminster rural district.

Surely it is time that the Local Government Board had power to insist on the carrying out of the recommendations of its Medical Inspectors.

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TO THE EDITOR OF "PUBLIC HEALTH."

SIR,

It is curious that Mr. Mark H. Judge,* who objects to such terms as "whenever practicable," "as near as practicable," etc., as leading to endless disputes, should at the same time urge that they should be avoided "where possible." Surely this phrase is quite as much void for uncertainty as those to which objection is taken. Who is to decide what is possible, if he cannot determine what is practicable?

I am, etc.,

A MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

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