

to all Parkdalian, and the perfection of the Smead system of dry closets is one of the features of the building of which the school directors are proud, and on which the people are to be congratulated. A little coal oil was poured through the opening in the closet seat on the first pile of excreta (the one farthest from the ventilating shaft), to assist in igniting the mass. A match readily started it burning, the flames being drawn toward the other piles by the draught toward the ventilating flue, and burning steadily the same as a coal fire. One hour and a half afterwards the total mass was reduced to a small pile of ashes, which shortly afterwards an attendant swept up, when the brick floor receptacle of the closet was as clean as a freshly-swept parlour. Even while the process of cremation was proceeding there was no smell emanating from it that could be noticed in the building, the ventilation being

absolutely perfect. The first to be burned out was the boys' department, which, as we before said, was completed in an hour and a half, and no less a success attended the burning of the girls' department, which was accomplished in even less time. With no water pipes to freeze, no direct outlets from the sewer into the house, as is provided by the ordinary water closet plan to let the deadly sewer gas constantly into the building, and no repairs to make, as is necessary with the water closet system, the Smead system of dry closets has proved itself to be the system for use in Public School buildings, because it provides a system of closets in an apartment within the building, the air in which is at all times as pure and sweet as it is on the outside, and thus prevents the danger arising from the use of closets outside of the building through passing from a warm to the chilly outside air.—*The Mail*.

## REPORTS OF SOCIETIES.

Lindsay Sanitary Convention and Summer Session of the Association Executive Health Officers.

The Association of Executive Health Officers of Ontario will hold their annual convention in the Opera House, Lindsay, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, August 14th, 15th, and 16th, 1888. The following is the programme:—

FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, AUGUST 14TH.

*First Session: 2 p.m.*—Opening Prayer, by Rev. Dr. Williams. Official Address, by Mayor Walters. Brief Retrospect of the Progress of Medicine, Curative and Preventive, 1828–1888, or the Review of a Lifetime, by C. W. Covernton, M.D., Toronto, member Provincial Board of Health. Notes on Inspection of Public Milk Supplies, by Egerton Griffin, M.D., Brantford, First Vice-President of the Association of Executive Health Officers. Points to be observed in constructing a healthy house, by David B. Dick, Architect, Toronto.

*Second Session: 7 p.m.*—Opening Prayer, by Rev. W. K. Anderson. Annual Address of the President, by P. Balmer Burrows, M.D., Lindsay. Practical Suggestions on International and Interstate co-operation for the Prevention of Disease and for Stamping out Epidemics, by Chas. N. Hewitt, M.D., Secretary State Board of Health, Minnesota, and President American Public Health Association. How to Prevent Consumption, by J. J. Cassidy, M.D., Toronto, Member Provincial Board of Health.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15TH.

*Third Session: 9.30 a.m.*—Opening Prayer, by Rev. C. H. Marsh. Sanitary Supervision of Schools, by H. P. Yeomans, M.D., Mt. Forest, Member Provincial Board of Health. The Practical Work of the Board of Health, by John Coventry, M.D., Windsor, Medical Health Officer, and ex-President of the Association. Municipal Health Work: How most Thoroughly and Economically carried on, by Francis Rae, M.D., Oshawa, Chairman Provincial Board of Health. Sewerage of Small Towns, by Willis Chipman, Esq., C.E., Brockville. Citizens' Excursion and Banquet afternoon and evening.

THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, AUGUST 16TH.

*Fourth Session: 9 a.m.*—Opening Prayer, Vicar-General Laurent. Legal Rights of Citizens to Sanitary Protection, by His Honor Judge Weller, Peterboro'. Air Microbes, illustrated by Flask Cultures, by P. H. Bryce, M.A., M.D., and W. N. Nesbitt, B.A., M.D., Toronto. A Social Problem, by Daniel Clark, M.D., Superintendent Provincial Asylum for Insane, Toronto. Popular Medical Fallacies, and the Duty of Health Officers in relation thereto, by John H. Sangster, M.D., Port Perry.

Besides those whose names appear on the programme for papers, the following gentlemen are to be present and take part in the discussion: Dr. John Sweetland, Sheriff, Ottawa, Chairman Local