

## PREFACE.

As will be seen from the accompanying Report, a series of meetings of gentlemen interested in Building were held in the Natural History Hall, of which the first was convened by the Sanitary Association, and the others met by adjournment, under the presidency of T. S. Browne, Esq. At the last of these meetings, held March 29th, after considerable discussion, it was moved by Dr. J. Baker Edwards, seconded by Mr. S. J. Lyman, and carried,—“That this meeting do adjourn to the annual meeting of the Sanitary Association, with a view of re-organizing that Association on the basis of a subscription membership, and to carry out the proposed objects of that Association.”

“It was understood that the Annual Meeting would be held in about a fortnight.” (*Witness*, March 30th.) The following letter was addressed to the Editor, as soon as the President had fixed the date of meeting for April 13th :—

SIR,—When called upon at the last Builders' meeting to state the rules of the Sanitary Association, I had not the original documents at hand; and I find that they have not been printed in our annual reports. As a feeling was expressed that changes might be proposed at the ensuing annual meeting, to be held on Thursday evening next, I have to request that you will print the constitution, as agreed upon at the Mechanics' Institution, April 17th, 1866.

1. That the objects of the Society shall be, generally, to collect and diffuse information, and take action, on all matters relating to the public health; and specially, to assist in improving the abodes of the poorer classes.

2. That all persons contributing not less than 25c be members of the Association.

3. That the Catholic and Protestant Bishops of the Diocese be requested to become Patrons. (An amendment to this motion was lost.)

4. That the Clergy and Home Missionaries of all denominations, medical men, and the editors of newspapers, be *ex-officio* members of the Council.

5 and 6. Appointed officers for the current year.

7. That the Association shall render all the assistance possible to the Health Officers and the city authorities, with a view to the speedy abatement of nuisances.

8. Provided for the organization of District Committees to attend to the wants of different localities and different classes of the inhabitants.

9. Authorized the Council of the Association to make regulations for carrying out its objects.

It appears that while some of the officers have labored unremittingly, and while the annual reports have been much studied in various parts of the United States and Great Britain, very little interest has been taken in the action of the Association by the citizens till very recently. If the fault be either in the constitution or in the officers, the citizens will have full power to change them at the approaching annual meeting. I, for one, shall be rejoiced to resign my office into the hands of any one who will do better work than

Yours, faithfully,

PHILIP P. CARPENTER,

*Hon. Sec. Montreal Sanitary Association.*

A meeting was convened at the Natural History Rooms, by Mr. T. S. Brown, April 12th, “for the purpose of discussing the propriety of forming a Builders' Sanitary Association, on the principle of paid membership.” About a dozen members were present. Mr. Merry, who acted as Secretary, moved, and Dr. Wanless seconded,—“That an Association be formed having for its object the improvement of the sanitary condition of the city.” Dr. Carpenter did not consider this meeting in order, and moved in amendment that the concluding resolution of the Builders' meetings be re-affirmed, by adjourning to the annual meeting the next day. Three persons voted for the original motion, and two against it. Dr. Edwards then moved, and Dr. Fenwick seconded, the appointment of a committee to frame a new constitution, and to attend the annual meeting, to consist of Ald. Rodden, Messrs. T. S. Brown, G. Prowse, A. Perry, A. Wood, W. Merry, Drs. Hingston, Craik, Edwards, Wanless, and Fenwick.”—(Abridged from the *Witness*, April 13th.)

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