

conclusion that if we could get several relieving points it would be of immense benefit to our city ; we would apply these in connection with our fire and police stations, carrying the gas so drawn through the furnaces. It would be necessary that the workmen should thoroughly understand their work."

Dr. Godfrey rose again, and said : " I maintain that if you stand over the grating in connection with the ventilator I have spoken of, you will find no effluvium, as it is all taken up through the ventilator."

Dr. Carpenter.—" As the question is which of these plans should be adopted, in my judgment, Dr. Edwards' system is the best system that can be obtained. We have two things to consider, first, what is done in Montreal ; and, secondly, what *can* be done? Now, I do earnestly hope that the plan proposed by Dr. J. Baker Edwards, and endorsed by Prof. S. Hunt, will be put into operation ; why cannot we do it this very winter? If it is not altogether perfect, at least we would have a certain amount of sewer gas consumed, which would be a great relief to us, and cost only a trifle."

Dr. J. Baker Edwards then moved a vote of thanks to Dr. Rourke for the paper which he had laid before the meeting, and was seconded by Dr. Godfrey.

By request, His Worship the Mayor rose and said. " I am quite unprepared to make any remarks whatever. The suggestions made some years ago by Dr. Edwards appeared to me at the time very reasonable, and I do not know why they were not acted upon, I can only say that the citizens of Montreal are too uneducated to understand these principles. I went in last year for the purpose solely of introducing sanitary matters. It is the citizens of Montreal that are at fault. The Legislature are very willing to grant any reasonable request. They have granted all that we ask, and more than we dare carry into execution. Dr. Rourke spoke of small-pox being the result of badly ventilated drains. We have had small-pox as an epidemic for the last few years, but the deaths have been amongst those who spoke the French language. Persons speaking our lan-