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THE APPOINTMENT OF MINISTERS OF HEALTH.

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On previous occasions eminent individuals, more especially members of our profession, as well as authoritative associations, have given expression to the need that exists for Ministers of Public Health. A meeting of this kind affords a thoroughly suitable opportunity for obtaining a full knowledge of the views, based on the individual experience, of those present; of collating a summary; and of so discussing the subject, that a sound conclusion may be arrived at, and a resolution proposed which should result in Government inquiry and action.

AUTHORITATIVE VIEWS ON SUCH APPOINTMENTS.

After a preliminary study of the subject, I obtained the views of many hundreds of persons, sanitary associations and authorities (assisted largely by Miss C. Cochrane, a member of the Sanitary Institute of Great Britain, who takes an active interest in the subject).

Among those who favor the appointment, which the title of my paper sets forth, are the British and Canadian Medical Associations, the Sanitary Institute and the Royal Institute of Public Health of Great Britain, and the Manchester and Salford Sanitary Associations, the Imperial Vaccination League, the County Council of the West Riding of Yorkshire, the Institute of Sanitary Engineers, the Workmen's National Housing