

be saved in the way of insurance, which a really efficient system of Water Works would give us, there are the additional considerations of health, cleanliness, and the promotion of manufacturing industry. Then, there is the question of Sewerage, which, before many years, will be forced upon this Council, but which, without an abundance of water, will be absolutely unmanageable. It is impossible to over-estimate the beneficial effects of a plentiful supply of water. It would be worth some thousands of pounds, every year, if our city could, thereby, be effectually relieved of the one single nuisance of dust, which every Summer pollutes our atmosphere, and spoils our goods. The Committee trust these remarks will not be deemed irrelevant.

The Resolutions of Alderman Twining, in reference to the purchase of the Halifax Water Company's Works, are, of course, based upon the presumption, that the Company are willing to sell. The Committee have reason to believe this to be the fact, though they are not, at present, in a position to state, precisely, what sum would be required for the purchase. It certainly, however, would not exceed £50,000; probably, something less than that amount would suffice.

Upon the general principle involved in Alderman Twining's Resolutions, the Committee think there can hardly be much difference of opinion. They are firmly persuaded, it would be greatly to the advantage of the community, for the city government to have control of all such works. But there are some grave points which ought to be discussed, previous to the opening of negotiations with the Water Company. To make these works thoroughly efficient, for every requirement of the city, and having reference to the future, as well as the present,—an expenditure of not less than forty or fifty thousand pounds, will be necessary. This is a startling statement, but, upon examination, it will be found to be not very wide of the mark.

It is a well known fact, that the water will not rise, with