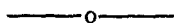


ground a title to every honest effort to promote, and a right to the quota that every man could add to the general stock, and that as the study was at the root of existence itself, it would be difficult to over-estimate its value. To the second the reply was equally clear. That what demanded the joint co-operation of all men to secure, undoubtedly claimed the special assistance of a class of men, whose everyday life would bring them in contact with those forms of evil which the study of our subject could alone qualify them to alleviate or prevent. I trust, therefore, that the effort to lay before you what the great principles of Hygiene have established will be accepted in the spirit in which it is offered: an earnest desire to promote your individual usefulness in the great cause of our duty towards man.



PARTICULARS concerning the formation of "The Citizens' Public Health Association" will be found elsewhere in this number. We heartily congratulate the energetic gentlemen who have brought their scheme to a successful issue. A society of the kind was much needed, and by the names that we see enrolled upon its list we are happy to say that it will be an influential association. Its constitution is short, but very liberal and desirable. The Council of the Association consists of twelve gentlemen; but the President, two Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries are *ex-officio* members of the Council, making a strong company of eighteen men, who are determined to work for their fellow-citizens, gratuitously, in obtaining reformation in matters affecting the public health. We wish them every success in their undertaking. There will be much to contend with, and many times there may be a feeling of despondency as apparently insurmountable obstacles present themselves. But we promise all the help in our power, and feel happy in enrolling ourselves under such a banner and in such a cause. In a future number we shall be happy to give some practical suggestions, which we hope will be received in the liberal spirit in which they are offered.