

Mr. ALEXANDER, M. P. P., did not put a happier face on our present condition, but rather the reverse.

Prof. A. JOHNSON, LL.D., then stated that the Corporation represented the citizens. They are nothing by themselves. If we can manage to bring public opinion to bear upon them, as has been done by the Temperance Association, we can bring them to a sense of their duty; but so long as we are content to remain quiet and put up with their apathy we may expect nothing. They have money, and we must compel them to apply it in the best way, and not squander it in show outside, but make the inside clean first. The manner of macadamizing our streets is simply a nuisance, they use a soft stone that is ground into dust immediately.

After addresses from Messrs. REDPATH, LYMAN, BURROWS, TURTON, Drs. CORDNER, GIRDWOOD and others, His Worship Mayor HINGSTON, having been invited to address the meeting, spoke somewhat as follows:

GENTLEMEN—I hoped to be permitted to remain silent this evening; but being asked to express my views, I may say they have been already expressed on several occasions, and the views on the substance of this evening's paper have been expressed in the short report of the Board of Health submitted to the Council the other evening, and referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration. It is to me, as it must be to you all, a subject of regret that the citizens generally do not take more interest in matters relating to public health. The report submitted by the Board of Health was one which cost its members much thought, yet, so far, it has not been commented upon by the press.* We hear from time to time of the uncleanly state of the city, and since this Society is organized we hear somewhat more than formerly. But as this Society is organized to instruct the public in matters sanitary, I should suggest that it begin by informing the people that, if the city is not efficiently cleaned, it is partly because the amount paid by the citizens is totally inadequate for the purpose. Baltimore pays at the rate of \$1.80 per head; New York pays somewhat less; while Montreal, with its difficulties of a

*This has been remedied, the press having since discussed the report in question, and endorsed the views of the Board generally.—ED. P. H. M.