

SANITARY AUTHORITY AND HOUSE BUILDING IN ENGLAND.—The Nantwich, (Eng.) Rural Sanitary Authority have been invested with urban powers as regards new buildings in six of the largest townships within their district. Since these powers were conferred the plans of all new buildings have had of course to be approved by the sanitary authority before their erection could be commenced in the special districts alluded to, and in the three and a half years since the first plans were received plans of nearly four hundred new buildings have been laid before the Authority and have been passed. This means that some four hundred houses have been built on proper foundations; that damp courses have been introduced into their walls; that their ground floors have been laid at a proper level, and ample space left unbuilt upon about them; that each room has an opening window of suitable size, and that the ventilation is sufficient; that the best drainage that was practicable has been laid for the convenience of each house; that proper pipes and traps have been used; that the drains are properly ventilated, and that the dwelling is not in direct communication with them; that the subsoil will be drained if necessary, and that properly constructed ash-pits and privies or earth closets have been erected at a sufficient distance from the dwellings, or, if water-closets are provided, that they are suitably situated and duly ventilated; that other necessary outbuildings are suitably placed; and that each dwelling has the best obtainable water supply.

THE NEWPORT SANITARY PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.—Newport, R. I., has the honor of organizing the first "Sanitary Protective Association" in America.—*Detroit Lancet*. Its objects are to provide its members with such advice as is needed to insure the proper sanitary condition of their own dwellings and those of their tenants, and to take such actions as shall improve the sanitary condition of the city. The association is really a mutual insurance company in the matter of health. The cost of membership for permanent residents is six dollars yearly. The business of the association is in the hands of a council elected by members of the association. The paid officers are a consulting engineer, an inspecting engineer and a chemical analyst. The remuneration of these officers is based upon the actual work performed. With the energetic Dr. H. R. Storer as a member of the council, the association cannot fail of attaining success. The objects thus sought all admit as in the highest degree