

the dwellings in the district to which they are appointed: and to receive complaints of nuisances and serve notices forthwith, requiring all necessary works to be done for the abatement of the nuisances. Such notices to be as valid, if confirmed by the Local Authority, as if served by the Authority's order. 4. That in all appointments requiring the officer's whole time to be given to the duties of his office, an adequate minimum salary shall be prescribed.

SENIBLE REMARKS ON PLUMBING.

The Sanitary News gives the following: In the progress of sanitary science it has been discovered that one of the greatest dangers to health lies in the water supply, wastes, drainage and sewerage. The habitations of our cities have the water supply on the one hand and sewers filled with poison refuse on the other. It happens to be the plumbers' part to connect these two, and they may be said to meet in the centre of the house. To conduct this water to the consumers in a pure state, and to drain off the waste so that poisons and obnoxious gases rising from decomposition and pollution may not afflict the household, is a service filled with the greatest responsibility. It is this part of the plumbers' work in which the public are most directly interested and it is this part they should seek to become familiar with. People will remain in a condition to be imposed upon so long as they remain ignorant of the importance of this work. He who has work of this character to be performed can have his home made secure, or can leave open avenues for the entrance of countless ills. There is no great obstacle in the way of having this work properly done. All he has to do is to see for himself that none but a reputable plumber is employed to do it. This is a matter he cannot afford to leave to the pleasure of men less interested than himself. There is no part of his building for which he can afford to pay more and upon which he should devote more care than on this. The plumber should be as much under the building owner's selection as his physician is, and he should satisfy himself fully that both the material and workmanship are perfect. If he is not able to judge to whom should he go but to a plumber of known ability and integrity? For he should understand that all expenditure for defective plumbing is money worse than thrown away, for it is an investment in that which will entail

not only greater expense, but the dangers of disease that will leave the home robbed of that which money cannot purchase.

A REGENERATED CITY.

The last number of the Bulletin of the State Board of Health of Tennessee gives an interesting description of the present sanitary condition of Memphis, formerly bearing such an unenviable reputation as a pest spot. The original water supply was from wells and cisterns. A change from these to Wolf River water was hailed as an improvement, but this source furnished too much mud along with the water to be acceptable. In 1887 a driven pipe was sent down 354 feet on a tour of investigation and discovered the surprising fact that, at this depth and beneath a thick bed of impervious clay, there lay an unfathomed stratum of water-laden sand,—a vast surcharged reservoir. Through this pipe water flowed clear and sparkling, and, quoting from a Memphis newspaper of that date, the account goes on to say: "People drank it. Crowds soon collected about the flowing fountain. Policemen were in requisition. The news spread like wildfire. The elixir of life had been found. Memphians of all degrees, high and low, old and young, with buckets and jugs, coffee pots and tin cans, waited in long files to be served, each in turn, from the gushing, hygienic well. And so for days. In good weather there could be seen lines of baby carriages, each with its little occupant, reaching from the well a square or so away. Physicians gave prescriptions; 'Let the baby drink artesian water.' Ailing mammas and dyspeptic papas drank it too, and continued to drink, and do now even to this day." The result was, a company was formed and put in a water supply that has been abundant and that is shown to be, chemically, one of the purest water supplies in the world. With the flow of this pure and wholesome supply of water together with one of the best systems of sewerage in the world, there has been a marvelous change in the health conditions of the place, and, since the inhabitants themselves and outsiders are no longer afraid of the city, northern capital has flowed in, and Memphis has entered upon a new and prosperous era. So much to the credit of public health proceedings.