

## Sanitary Reports.

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### MEETING OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION.

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A meeting of the Public Health Association was convened at the rooms of the Natural History Society, on Friday evening the 10th inst., at 8 o'clock. After the reading of minutes, Dr. Rourke read an interesting, as well as valuable paper, treating of his new plan of improved sewer ventilation. Briefly it may be described thus: At a given point, is an exhaust pump, worked by an engine, and from this point a ramification of small piping is laid along the top of all the sewers in a certain limit, having minute openings to admit the sewer gas. As a vacuum is formed in the small pipe, it is immediately replaced by the sewer gas which is carried up and consumed in the furnace. Dr. Rourke contends that many miles of sewers might be ventilated in this manner, so dividing the city as to facilitate his plan.

Dr. Godfrey then rose and spoke as follows:—"Gentlemen, I think that to any reasonable mind there can be no doubt as to the excellency of Dr. Rourke's plan of ventilation of sewerage. The question is, could there not be some method of ventilation less expensive? I have for some time thought (and the plan that I am about to mention, I have practically carried out in a building at the corner of Ontario and St. George street) of having the drain of the house taken from the roof into the main sewer through the centre of the building—so draining off the rain and snow water as well; and that the higher descent from the sewer will take all the foul gas, not only from the house, but from the sewer itself. In this plan that I tried some