

Sanitary Reports.

CITIZENS' PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION.

This Association held its first public meeting in the rooms of the Natural History Society, on the 11th ult. The meeting having been called to order, the President gave a short outline of the work proposed to be done by the Association. He recommended that the Association should feel their way cautiously, and not put their hands to anything they could not carry out in a practical way. He said they should inform themselves of all the influences affecting, or threatening to affect, the public health; enquire into the causes, origin and distribution of the different diseases prevalent in the city; bring before the Board of Health all matters appertaining to health, and obtain from as many sources as possible reports of yards, drains, &c. He laid great stress upon educating the public mind in matters of hygiene. He continued by saying that it was only by the influence they could bring to bear upon public opinion that they could acquire power and make themselves be felt as an influential body. He then stated that radical improvement was wanted in the mode of imposing taxes, and their distribution.

Mr. G. A. DRUMMOND was then called upon to read his paper, which will be found in the original communications at page 33.

Alderman McCORD then spoke to the paper in a very able manner, but his remarks seem to imply that we are in a very bad condition as to our treasury. He concluded by stating that if we wanted a healthy city the Board of Health must have more money to work with, and if the Corporation could not give it we must be content to have a special tax levied for that purpose. He said that the committee of which he was chairman was quite willing to undertake the scavenging system as proposed by Mr. G. A. Drummond with a few amendments.