

of nature, the more the tendency is to render it in terms other than imitative, and the more pleasure we take in the rendering. This, as well as the fact that he renders with more truth and beauty than any other men the real life of a scene—the grace of foliage, the varied slopes of the ground, the brightness of light, and the transparency of shade, and gives us color and composition to delight the eye—is one great reason why we take so much pleasure in the work of Fowler. Without a word of gratitude for Fowler, a criticism of Art in Ontario would not be complete; but it is not our purpose to deal with individuals at all on this occasion; otherwise, we might praise as well as criticize. But the Society has had from the enthusiastic daily papers as much glory as it needs, and our business is to point out with a fair mind and in a public spirit, the intrinsic lack of value in most of the productions. We name no names in dispraise. We do not wish to disturb any "vested interests." But if any artist who finds in our remarks an application to himself will take the hint, we think he will find it pay; for it is worth while in conclusion to remark, in vindication of the support that the Canadian public is able and willing to give to art, that any real work of art always sells, and usually without delay.

It was gratifying to see in the small room devoted to the Architectural Sketch Club so much promising work. The Club is now well established, and we hope the membership is full; for the Club, and the association which it brings about among students, will probably be of more value to them and to the future of architecture in Ontario than can be adequately estimated now.

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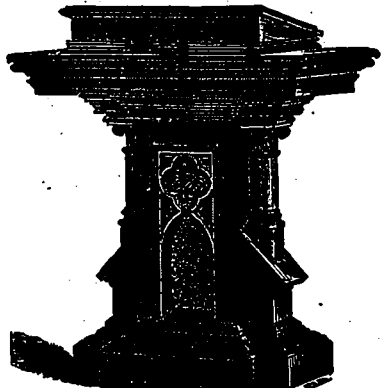
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ARCHITECTURE IN RELATION TO HYGIENE.

The Seventh International Congress of Hygiene and Demography is announced to take place in London, Eng., from the 10th to the 17th of August next. The meetings of Section V, which is to consider the subject of "Architecture in Relation to Hygiene," will be held in Burlington House, Piccadilly, on the 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th of August. Under the heading mentioned the Section will discuss:

- 1.—Laying out and Extensions of Towns, including the control of the construction of Buildings, and the reservation of open Spaces.
 - 2.—Planning and construction of Dwelling Houses, especially Common Lodging Houses, Workmen's Dwellings and Residential Flats.
 - 3.—Hospitals for Infectious Diseases.
 - 4.—Constructions and Arrangements of Asylums.
 - 5.—Sanitation of Theatres and Public Halls.
- All communications relative to this Section should be addressed to Ernest Turner, Esq., 246 Regent street W.

TORONTO HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

FOR several years past the Medical Health Department of the city of Toronto has been sadly lacking in efficiency. With the recent appointment of Dr. Allen as its executive officer, an improved order of things seems to have commenced. Dr. Allen has already shown by his energetic manner of attacking abuses that he does not regard in the light of a sinecure the important position which he has been called upon to occupy. The citizens have reason to be thankful to him for his recent report on the quality of the milk supply. As the result of investigation he finds that only ten out of one hundred and fifty samples examined during the month of May, could be classed as good. Skim milk and milk highly adulterated by various methods is being supplied by most of the dealers.

Dr. Allen has discovered also, what many persons have long suspected was the fact, that many of the so-called dairies are unworthy of the name by reason of their want of cleanliness, proper ventilation, and other important conditions requisite for insuring the purity of the milk.

Bad as is this condition of affairs, there is yet a worse phase of the subject presented in the Medical Health Officer's report, namely, that milk is being supplied to the citizens from cows so afflicted with disease as to require artificial supports to keep them on their feet.

This is truly an alarming condition of affairs and one which demands the application of prompt and severe remedies.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Haskins, City Engineer of Hamilton, Ont., was recently elected a member of the British Institute of Civil Engineers.

Mr. Chas. Sprunt, formerly city engineer of Toronto, has been suffering for more than a year past from ill-health. On the advice of his physicians he recently resigned his position with the city, and will endeavor to regain his physical vigor. It is the wish of his many friends that he may succeed.

Messrs. Smith & Gemmill and E. B. Jarvis form a new architectural firm in Toronto under the name of Smith, Gemmill & Jarvis. The firm are fitting up a handsome suite of offices in the Bank of Commerce building. Mr. Gemmill has lately returned from a three months visit to England, Scotland, France and Italy.

Mr. Frank Wickson, of the firm of Dick & Wickson, architects, Toronto, is receiving the

congratulations of his friends in and out of the profession on his recent marriage. THE CANADIAN ARCHITECT AND BUILDER extends to Mr. and Mrs. Wickson the sincere wish that their life journey may be long, peaceful and prosperous.

The presentation of a gold chain and locket, the latter suitably engraved, was the method adopted by the employees of Mr. W. B. Malcolm's plumbing supply establishment, Toronto, to mark their appreciation of Mr. W. J. Forrester, on his retirement from the position of manager to engage in business on his own account in the United States. Mr. Forrester is very popular with all who enjoy the pleasure of his acquaintance, and their best wishes will attend him in his new circumstances.

The corner stone of a new hospital building was laid at Chatham a few days ago in the presence of 10,000 people.

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