

## THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION.

The American Public Health Association will hold its twenty-second meeting in Montreal from the 25th to 28th September next. The association was organized in 1872 for the purpose of inaugurating measures for the restriction and prevention of contagious and infectious diseases, and for the diffusion of sanitary knowledge among the people. The growth of the association and the work it has accomplished more than justify its existence. Its membership has been augmented from year to year, until it now constitutes the largest and strongest sanitary body in the world, and embraces in territorial extent the United States, the Dominion of Canada, and the Republic of Mexico. Under the impetus given by its work, state and local boards of health and sanitary associations have been organized, sanitary publications increased, and hygienic knowledge widely and extensively diffused.

Among its members may be found physicians, lawyers, ministers, civil and sanitary engineers, health officers, teachers, plumbers, merchants, etc.; in fact, every profession and many of the industries are represented in its list of members. The only qualifications required for membership are a good moral character, an interest in hygiene, and the endorsement of two members of the association. The membership fee is five dollars, which hardly covers the cost of the copy of the proceedings of the convention to which every member is entitled.

The local Committee of Arrangements is at work to insure a large and profitable meeting, and it is to be hoped that the number of Canadians who will join the association for this Canadian meeting will compare favorably with what has been done elsewhere.

The railways have reduced their rates to one fare and one-third, provided certificates of attendance be produced when leaving Montreal on the return trip. Special blanks for this purpose will be furnished on demand.

An excursion to Grosse Isle Quarantine Station (over 200 miles from Montreal) has been arranged by the local committee, leaving by boat on the afternoon of the 28th, to return early on the 30th, and will be most attractive both from a sanitary and scenic point of view, the quarantine station being well equipped and the route to Grosse Isle being through the most interesting part of the Province of Quebec.

For application blanks or further information, address Dr. Irving Watson, Concord, N.H., or Dr. E. Pelletier, Montreal.

The officers of the association are as follows: President, Dr. E. P. Lachapelle, Montreal; first vice-president, Dr. M. Carmonay Valle, Mexico, Mex.; second vice-president, Dr. J. M. McCormack, Bowling Green, Ky.; secretary, Dr. Irving A. Watson, Concord, N.H.; treasurer, Dr. Henry D. Holton, Brattleboro, Vt. Officers of Local Committee of Arrangements—Chairman, Dr. Robert Craik, Montreal; secretary, Dr. E. Pelletier (office, 76 St. Gabriel Street, Montreal). Representative of Ontario on the Local Committee of Membership—Dr. P. H. Bryce, secretary Provincial Board of Health, Toronto.