

He also showed how that, by the study and comparison of our vital statistics, with those of other nations of the past and present, we could be better qualified to investigate our own position, and see whether we are tending towards national decline, or towards a higher and stronger existence.

Dr. Larocque also drew attention to the need of studying the habits of the people so that we might put into the hands of families, and into the schools through the governing bodies, such literature as would help the rising generation to understand physical laws and the natural penalty for breaking them; and to learn those principles of health, through the study of Hygiene and kindred subjects, which would tend to their physical and intellectual improvement.

After an interchange of ideas on the part of all present, a Committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. Smyth and Dr. Larocque was appointed to consider *the name of the association, set forth the objects, and prepare plans of procedure.*

Subsequent meetings were held at the residence of Rev. Dr. Smyth, 385 St. Antoine street, and at the residence of L. E. Beauchamp, 265 Sherbrooke street, the outcome of which was the preparation of the following Circular; the adoption of the Constitution; and the formation of the Society by the appointment of the following officers:—

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