

august board which so assiduously combines the functions of the civil engineer with those of the scavenger, is sadly negligent in regard to the health of its Parliamentary garrison ; the outlay of some \$15, had the board but intelligence enough to know the need of ventilation, would render the atmosphere of the Legislative Hall far less pestilential than it is at present. We happen to know that one member of the garrison is suffering from this neglect at the present time.

No. XIX.

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The frail tenement occupied by the mind of the member for the South Riding of Essex would suggest forebodings to any observer, whether he were a phrenologist or not. As we don't suppose this literary gentleman is among those who "see theirsels as ithers see them," our first concern with regard to him necessarily relates to his health, and we are reminded that we have already witnessed the lopping off of one of the members of the House during the present session, simply because, in common with the bulk of the civilized world, the last consideration entertained by them is the art to live. We will cheerfully do our best to instruct this gentleman with regard to this neglected art, if he will deign to learn from non-professional sources ; meanwhile we will intimate what are the results of the "soundings" in his case. Activity of mind and readiness of perception are suggested at a glance, and his intuition is such as to render him firm, positive, and self-reliant ; he possesses good reasoning faculties, and is a good judge of character. The hon. member will persevere in his projects, in the consciousness of their being sound, regardless of the opinions of others ; he entertains a strong sense of right, and will be indignant at meanness, of which probably it will not be necessary for him to travel far in quest of illustrations ; though pugnaciously inclined, he lacks force to give execution to his disposition ; he possesses a good memory for events, and his mastery over details cannot fail to be serviceable to him ; he is somewhat sensitive, enjoys fun, and is a man of refined taste ; on this account we hope to see him on the building committee of the new House ; as he will be generally courteous and polite, he may perhaps be regarded as exceptional in that respect.