

NOTES ON HOUSEHOLD SANITARY MATTERS.

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Having in previous numbers of the PUBLIC HEALTH MAGAZINE described the means of draining buildings into the common street sewers, it may not be out of place to make a few remarks on the sewer connections, and on the necessity which exists for some well-defined and stringent regulations which will compel all property owners to drain their several properties into the public sewers, saving and excepting only such as would discharge matters prejudicial to said sewers. At present, the only city regulation which has reference to the subject, says:—"The road committee shall have power to cause every owner of land adjoining any street or highway in which there is a common sewer to make a sufficient drain from his or her property, whenever, in their opinion, the same shall be necessary, and shall give notice through the City Surveyor when such drain shall be completed, and if said notice shall not be complied with, then the road committee shall cause the same to be done at the cost and charges of the proprietors."

Now, this mere power of the road committee to cause proprietors to drain their properties, is altogether insufficient, as is proved by the hundreds of properties remaining undrained. The power to enforce drainage, instead of being dependant for its operation upon the zeal, or caprice, or mere option of the Road Committee, should be prompt and imperative in its action, and its administration should form part of the duties of an Inspector of drainage, whose functions I have already described in the HEALTH MAGAZINE. What the Corporation intends to do in the matter of house drainage is as yet not known. It is now spending an enormous sum in reconstructing and arranging the city sewerage on a plan promising to be adapted to the future as well as present requirements of the city, and it may well be hoped that such drainage, and supervision of the same, as is demanded by the sanitary intelligence of the age, will meet with that recognition and support from the city authorities which its importance deserves. In connection with house drain-