

PUBLIC HEALTH MAGAZINE.

We have received the first number of a magazine, with the above title, a periodical which is destined, we hope, to do much good in the community. Its mission is educational, and if conducted in a proper spirit so as to call the attention of the masses to all subjects bearing on the laws of health, we doubt not that it will be a success, and take rank as "an authority" in Sanitary science to which it aspires.

This journal is edited by Dr. George A. Baynes, a gentleman who has already given evidence of his devotion to Sanitary subjects by a very excellent course of popular lectures delivered by him during the past winter, as also by a brochure on the disposal of the dead, which is worth reading. We wish the periodical every success; it is very neatly gotten up, and is issued from the printing establishment of John Dougall & Son.

MEDICAL OFFICERS IN THE MERCANTILE MARINE.

We notice that a return has been made to the British House of Commons on the motion of Captain Bedford Pim, of the names, ages and nationalities of persons who have served, during the past two years, as surgeons in the merchant service. The number returned was 224, none of whom were registered in the United Kingdom. We suppose that some of these gentlemen are Canadians as it is customary for the owners of Canadian steamships to occasionally appoint a young Canadian Physician and Surgeon to fill the post. We may state that one of the necessary requirements for that position is that the applicant must be registered in the Province from whence he hails—and in fact no appointment is made without the recommendation of the heads of some of our educational bodies. The owners are particularly careful in the selection of Surgeons, more especially in passenger ships, and we have no hesitation in saying that those surgeons from Canada to be met with in any of our Canadian lines of steamships are thoroughly qualified were and are registered in their own province,