

MONTREAL SANITARY ASSOCIATION—The object of the Sanitary Association of Montreal, referred to in the September number of the **SANITARY JOURNAL**, as given in circulars issued by the Association, is as follows :

“The study and enforcement of public and private Hygiene, a science the end of which is not only to preserve our citizens from epidemic, indemic, contagious and other diseases which afflict humanity, but also the conservation and development of the physical, intellectual, social and moral faculties of man in his private as well as in his collective life.

To obtain this great and desirable object the association proposes to take into consideration the following subjects : Civic Cleanliness, Food, Drinks of every description, Sanitary Architecture, Epidemics, Vital Statistics. And in fine everything relative to the preservation of mind and body.”

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BOOK NOTICES.

PUBLIC HEALTH—Hamilton, Ont., Oct. 22nd, 1874.—The Report of Dr. C. O'Reilly, Physician Board of Health. Hamilton, shows marked decrease in the mortality of that city for the quarter ending Sept. 30th, 1874 ; or 74 less deaths, than in the corresponding quarter of 1873 : Deaths in July, August and September, 1873, 254 ; deaths in the same months of 1874, 180.

The work of removing the accumulations of refuse matter from the streets, alleys and private yards, had been hastened, it is stated, as much as possible, under the direction of the officers of the Board of Health. No cases of small-pox reported in the city, nor has any case been under treatment in the small-pox hospital during the four preceding months. Only four cases of typhoid fever were then under treatment in the City Hospital, three of the number being non-residents of Hamilton, and ailing at the time of their arrival in the city. The want of extended sewer accommodation is said to be much felt in different parts of the city.

ELECTROLYSIS in the Treatment of Stricture of the Urethra. By Robert Newman, M. D. Reprint from the Transactions of the Medical Society of the State of New York, for 1874, p.p. 30, paper. Albany : Charles Van Benthuysen & Sons.

This is a valuable and interesting contribution on the above subject. The author appears to have had an extensive practice in the treatment of such diseases, and gives notes of numerous cases. The treatment appears to have been remarkably successful in his hands, and the *modus operandi* of it is given. The book ought to be in the hands of every practicing physician.