

with the understanding that they furnish a supply which the Health Department will approve of.

If the Road Department succeeds in dealing effectively with the garbage, by all means let them continue to do so. In that event the Health Committee may at last find some leisure thus to bestow some attention upon sanitary matters proper. For instance, they might exercise a little supervision over the quality of our water supply which just now seems to require it.

As to the abstract question of garbage disposal, the general consensus of opinion among sanitarians, is that it would best be dealt with by the householders burning it in their own kitchen stoves and that the whole garbage problem largely arises out of slovenly housekeeping. Any householder who wishes to consume his own garbage can do so with the aid of his cook, and if all the houses in one block combined to do this there would be no nuisance in that block, and a little apparatus designed for this purpose by Dr. Durgin, of Boston, will, if introduced into the kitchen stove-pipe, materially help him in this task.

POSTPONEMENT OF THE THIRD PAN AMERICAN MEDICAL CONGRESS.

INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMISSION OF THE PAN AMERICAN
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 5th, 1898.

SIRS:

I have the honor to announce that in April, 1898, I received from Dr. José Manuel de los Rios, Chairman of the Committee on Organization of the III Pan American Medical Congress, a request that, in consequence of the then existing rebellion in Venezuela, no definite arrangements be made at that time relative to the meeting of the Congress previously appointed to be held in Caracas in December, 1899.

The following communication relative to the same subject is just at hand:

CARACAS, September 25, 1898.

DR. CHARLES A. L. REED,

Secretary of the International Executive Commission, Cincinnati,
Ohio.

DEAR SIR:

After having sent my communication dated April last, I find it to