

AGAINST THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

The Health Officer Scores Some Very Good Points.

Lively Meeting of the City Board of Health Yesterday.

A Citizen Appeals to the Board for Relief—The Theaters to Be Investigated—The Cudaby Investigation.

The city board of health met yesterday afternoon in the mayor's office. All members were present except Dr. Hitchcock.

After the reading and approval of the minutes of the preceding meeting the report of Health Officer Powers was read, as follows:

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT.

In accordance with requirement I have again inspected the public buildings, and now desire to submit the following report for your consideration:

I regret to have to state that since my last report there has been but little improvement in the sanitary condition of a majority of the buildings, and I may say the suggestions made in the last report still apply in most cases.

Many of the public buildings are not properly ventilated. Much improvement in the ventilation of these buildings can be made, at a very small cost, by hinging the transoms at the bottom instead of the top, thereby directing the current of air to the ceiling where the dirt would be broken and the air diffused through the room.

Central ceiling ventilators, and those in floors and near the base of rooms acting a greater portion of the time as fresh air inlets, and producing direct currents upon the heads or feet of pupils, should be closed, if it is possible to provide sufficient fresh air by windows and transoms.

Windows should be opened from the top instead of from the bottom, unless shades are so hung as to produce a downward current, in which case other provisions for ventilation should be made.

In fact with all or most of the attempts at ventilation in the school buildings it requires much attention and close observation on the part of each teacher and janitor to derive any benefit at all, and in some buildings it is utterly impossible to prevent pupils from being exposed. This should be remedied as early as possible.

There are certain buildings which are overcrowded and poorly lighted.

Many buildings are improperly and inefficiently heated, and this is a matter that should receive attention before the rainy season sets in.

There has been some improvement in the plumbing in a few of the school buildings. The plumbing fixtures in many school buildings are permanently enclosed, hence the janitors do not have free access to them.

I would suggest that hinged doors be put into enclosures of all plumbing fixtures in order that the janitors may be enabled to clean out the traps as often as once in every four or six weeks.

There are broken basins in some buildings; there are also urinals not in use. The former should be repaired and the latter sealed, for any trap not in use will lose its water seal by evaporation and thereby admit foul air into the building from the sewer or cesspool.

There are also fixtures untrapped and unvented which are dangerous because of these defects. They will admit foul air from sewers or cesspools.

On account of defective plumbing tanks some water closets are insufficiently flushed, and in a few buildings there are urinals without any provision for flushing them.

Privy vaults should be dispensed with wherever possible. I find at East First street school building, the privy vaults which should be filled, and the latrine water closets that have been put in there should be connected with a proper cesspool.

I would suggest that all repairs be made so that the plumbing in the public school buildings conform to the sanitary regulations.

Surface drainage should be attended to in many ways in order that storm water cannot enter or run into the basements of buildings and form pools of stagnant water, as has been the case in the past at several buildings.

The plumbing in the county jail is undergoing repairs and improvement. The cell used for the detention of the insane awaiting commitment to the asylum is poorly ventilated; and the fact of confining an insane person in a jail among criminals, where he can see and hear them, is a gross violation of the principles of all good citizens, hence I would suggest, as there are already cells prepared for the reception of the insane at the county hospital, that such persons be detained at the latter institution.

The urinal at the East Side police station is filthy and unvented, and the water-closet insufficiently flushed and in a foul condition. The old cesspool which is under the house should be filled up as the plumbing is now connected with the sewer.

A city prison is kept in as sanitary a condition as the construction of the building will permit, which needs no comment, as the plumbing and the construction of the building are equally at fault.

In conclusion I take pleasure in acknowledging my obligations to the superintendent of buildings, and his assistants, the plumbing inspector, for their help in making the inspection of public buildings.

THE THEATERS LOOKED INTO.

Dr. Kurtz raised the question as to whether the health officer had power to inspect buildings, such as theaters and churches. He said that the main exit of one of the theaters is very defective and unsafe.

Dr. McGowan moved that the fire commission be recommended to take steps to have the main exit of the theater fixed in such a manner that it will not be dangerous to life.

THE REPORT ADOPTED.

On motion the report of the health officer was adopted, and the board of education notified of the bad condition of certain school buildings.

Mr. Powers said that there is water under the Alpine street school, and other school buildings are in a bad sanitary condition, which is dangerous to health of all pupils.

HE WANTED RELIEF.

A petition was received from J. P. Trafton, calling attention to the defective plumbing in his house, corner of Ocean View avenue and Bonnie Brae street.

The plumbers doing the work were Messrs. Hoverty & Co.

Plumbing Inspector Cusick stated his view of the situation, Mr. Trafton denying it.

The board decided the matter was a question of law, instead of a matter to be decided by the board.

DR. SHOULD THROW THEM OUT.

Before this discussion was reached, however, Dr. Kurtz arose and wanted to know if there was any other business before the board.

He mentioned somewhat angrily at the statement of Mr. Trafton that the "board had made a law that favors the plumbers and robs the people."

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