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2864 would frequently connect their plumbing with private or public drains, or make other arrangements for emptying their drainage, without obtaining any permit from the City, and indeed without the City's knowledge. This matter was brought to the attention of the Board of Estimates by Mr. Fendall, and the Board thereupon passed a resolution instructing the Health Commissioner to issue no more permits for interior plumbing, unless the application stated the method of disposal. I gather from Dr. Bosley's letter that Mr. Phelps had made application for interior plumbing without stating the method of disposal. Dr. Bosley says he thinks it likely that Mr. Phelps will, for a time at least, drain partly into a well, but partly also into a natural stream. Mr. Fendall tells me that the conditions are such, that Mr. Phelps must drain into the stream, and that any well built by him would necessarily fill up about once a week, and that to clean out the well this often would cost more than Mr. Phelps would be justified in paying. From Dr. Bosley's letter, and especially from my conversation with Mr. Fendall, it seems to me clear, that sooner or later the drainage will necessarily go into the stream. Mr. Fendall further states that the stream in question is already a notorious nuisance from pollution, and that steps are now being taken by the City to abate the nuisance; under these circumstances a further pollution of the stream could not be tolerated.

2865 The substance of Dr. Bosley's inquiry is, whether he shall issue the permit for the interior plumbing, under these conditions, leaving the question of pollution to be dealt with, if it arises.

2866 In the first place, I do not think that Dr. Bosley should consider the application at all, unless Mr. Phelps states the method of disposal; Code 1893, Article 23, Section 185, etc., are the Sections under which the Health Commissioner grants permits for interior plumbing, and while these Sections do not in terms require the application to state the method of disposal, yet I think this a requirement which is manifestly in the interest of the public health, which is within the power of the Commissioner of Health to require, and that no permit should be granted without it.

2867 When Mr. Phelps complies with this requirement, and states his method of disposal, then if this method provides for emptying the drainage into the stream, the permit should be refused; if on the other hand, it provides for emptying the drainage into a well, then the Com-