more definitely their duties as Health Wardens. Under the present ordinance they are utterly inefficient in the latter capacity, whereas they might be made an exceedingly useful adjunct to the Health Department.

We would respectfully suggest the appointment of but ten instead of twenty Vaccine Physicians, at salaries commensurate with the duties which they are called upon to perform; and in addition to what they are now required to do, let it be their duty to visit, in the capacity of Health Wardens, every house within their several districts, each to be furnished with a book in which he will record the date of his visit, the street and number of the house, the owner's name and address, the number of stories, rooms, families, and persons; also the ventilation, condition of yards, stables, and any other matter which he may be pleased to note. Let him be required to complete these labors and deposite his book at the Health Office by a certain period, say the first of June. Thus, independent of the valuable statistics which would be obtained, the Board of Health would be much facilitated in their efforts to suppress nuisance and disease. Many arguments might be used in favor of this suggestion were it required, but it has been fully tested in the other large cities of our Union, and the good results been conclusive of its efficacy.

In making these suggestions, we would not be understood as intending to cast any reflections upon our present superior corps of Vaccine Physicians. On the contrary, we cannot too highly commend them for their diligence in the performance of those duties which are required of them.

The accompanying table, designated as Table B, exhibits the amount of labor performed in the Vaccine Department since the first day of March to the present time. It will be seen that they have, during that period, called at 20,140 houses and performed 3,738 vaccinations. When it is considered that, in the performance of this work, it becomes necessary to repeat the visits two, and sometimes three times, it will be seen that the labor performed is of no inconsiderable amount; and the question very naturally arises, should the city of Baltimore take advantage of the necessities of young men struggling for a livelihood to obtain for its inhabitants immunity from the horrible contagion of small pox? We therefore respectfully urge, in case no other change be made, that the salaries of our Vaccine Physicians be changed from fifty dollars a year each to an amount commensurate with the services which they are called upon to perform.

The expenses of the Health Department proper, as exhibited in Table C, have necessarily not exceeded the amount of appropriation, $2,000. Out of that fund was paid by and for the old Board $624 31. We have also paid out of the same fund the cost of an

entire new fence around the Western Potter's Field, and a partial new fence around the Eastern Potter's Field. It also became necessary for us to pay the incidental expenses of our office out of the same fund, from the fact that no appropriation was made for such expenses. These circumstances left us but a very limited amount with which to defray the expenses naturally accruing under the head of Health Department.

In connexion with this Department, we respectfully call your attention to the miserable mode of constructing the sewers of our city. Under the present arrangement it is necessary to clean many of them after each rain, at a heavy cost to the city. Some of them would be rendered less objectionable if they were secured at their openings by proper grating, but in the case of others, we can without difficulty locate a fruitful cause of disease to the miasm arising therefrom, the result of defects in their original construction. We would refer you, particularly, to the Centre street tunnel, the floor of which, being made of plank, absorbs the fluids entering into it to an extent which renders it a nuisance to the entire neighborhood.

We would also suggest an amendment to the ordinance which imposes a fine for permitting offensive liquors to flow into the streets, so that it will include all liquors and matter which, although not offensive when permitted to escape, will become so by exposure.

We sincerely hope that your honorable bodies will take some action, also, in relation to hog-pens, the existence of which in our city have become a fruitful source of nuisance and reproach.

The running at large of hogs renders entirely inefficient the ordinance in relation to garbage carts.

In the Department for the removal of nuisances, exhibited in Table D, there was expended by and for the old Board $235 43, and by the new $564 57, being the full amount of appropriation, $800. The Board have done every thing in their power for the removal of whatever might be likely to engender disease, although much more might have been done with a more liberal supply of means at their disposal.

In the Street Department, the expenses exhibited in Table E have been as follows: Amount paid to old contractors up to the first of April, $3,557 09; to the new contractors, $4,082 25, leaving us indebted to them in the sum of $470 for cleaning streets.

The amount received this year from the Marine Hospital, as shown in Table F, amounts to $3,324 12, out of which was paid by and for the old Board $858 89. The amount of receipts would have been sufficient for all the expenses of the Institution, with the numerous improvements which have been made, had it not been