

THE WATER PIPE QUESTION.—Reference was made lately to the fact that the Water Works Company were considering the respective merits of the various kinds of pipe used in the conveyance of water from the street mains to the places where it is consumed. What pipe shall be used is an important consideration to the public. It is first of all important to secure a medium for conveying water that will not contaminate the great element and so impair the health of the people. Strength to withstand the pressure is another consideration and economy in cost comes next. Lead used for pipes is regarded with disfavor, and particularly so as it affects health. There is a kind of material presented to the Board that comes highly commended. It is called the "Composite Metal Pipe," made by the New York Lead Pipe Co., and used in Brooklyn and other cities with great success. It has great strength, costs only about three fourths the price of lead, is easily worked, and has no deleterious effect upon the water. This pipe brings the highest commendations, and will probably be adopted here. Mr. E. L. Thomas, 87 South St. Paul st. has the agency for the company manufacturing this pipe, and will exhibit it to those citizens who would inspect it.

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