

practical enforcement by the authorities that be. Unfortunately, however, it has not been so in Montreal. It is years since the establishment of such an institution for the city at large was first spoken of, and still the first stone for it has yet to be laid. Up to the present time we have been obliged to remain content with the accommodation afforded by the wards set apart by the Hotel Dieu and the Montreal General Hospital—and although now it is found that this terrible disease is once more spreading in our midst we have no place to send such patients where they will be sure of not becoming the focus for the origination of an unlimited number of other cases. We say this advisedly, for, even at the General Hospital, where every reasonable precaution against contagion has been diligently carried out, yet, even there, not one, but several, cases have occurred which without any doubt had been derived from the affected persons within the small-pox wing. This has always been the case before, and will surely be the case again. It is incurring a very grave responsibility to oblige every such person entering the wards of one of our hospitals, to incur the entirely unnecessary risk of his contracting this—frequently dangerous—disease. The poor, when sick, must go to hospital until well—it is not with them a matter of choice. Is it not then a duty to see that the man who is poor and thus finds himself an inmate of our public wards, shall have every reasonable opportunity of deriving all possible benefit of the medical treatment afforded him there, without—unknown to himself—being hourly in danger of suffering from a disease perhaps infinitely more severe than his original complaint, if, indeed, it do not threaten his very life. Of course it is. Responsibility then, for this neglected duty, lies somewhere. Every one who, in any way, obstructs the laudable efforts of those who are desirous of aiding in the establishment of a general small-pox hospital—with the fundamental principle of complete isolation, and the most thorough quarantine regulations—voluntarily agrees to assume his share of the responsibility for the pre-