

APPENDIX.

Since the foregoing was written, the cholera has been introduced into the city by the emigrants who arrived in a ship from Liverpool. Several were taken to the Montreal General Hospital, where they received the best and kindest medical treatment, notwithstanding which the major part died. A few days subsequently a case of cholera occurred in a lady, and was speedily followed by two more. These were not very severe, and being attended to, on the invasion of the first symptoms, recovered. The disease then presented itself in the lower part of the city, where, in one family, four, and in the immediate vicinity three, deaths occurred. Three recoveries only were effected among the number taken ill, application for advice having been too long delayed. The most searching investigation was instituted to ascertain whether there had been, either directly or indirectly, any communication with emigrants, or with any person who had visited the ship in port, or even been on the wharves, but not the slightest intercourse could be traced. Many other cases came under my notice, and in no instance could any communication with those primarily affected be detected. Hence, I was forced, irresistibly, to arrive at the conclusion that the disease was atmospherical, and in this wise accompanied the unfortunate emigrants; and that it had not been conveyed to other individuals by contact, or the most distant intercourse. It is true, however, that two nurses of the Hospital manifested choleraic symptoms, which were soon arrested, but it was also stated that these persons offered a great predisposition to the epidemic by being greatly alarmed on seeing some of the patients in the last struggles of life,—blue, cold and ghastly,—presenting, indeed, an aspect well calculated to excite apprehension and unnerve the timid.