

cularly personal to you and to me, and to which I can lose no time in calling your particular attention. You have thought fit to hold me up to the public as a wholesale murderer, for the basest and the most unworthy motives. I leave out of the question Drs. Morrin and Fremont, who are no more, and Dr. Landry who is at this time absent. Now, Gentlemen, you know as little of me and of my character as you do of the Quebec Lunatic Asylum, if you imagine for one moment that I will allow you or any one to charge either them or me with anything disgraceful or unworthy of gentlemen and Christian men. I therefore call upon you to give up the name of the person to whom you are indebted for your information, so that I may deal with him as is proper.

In other matters connected with Quebec Lunatic Asylum, permit me to urge you to visit it for the purpose of obtaining a personal knowledge of its conduct and management.

Yours truly,

Drs. Fenwick and Campbell,
&c. &c.

J. DOUGLAS.

A HEALTH OFFICER.

Frequently since the commencement of our Journal, we have written strongly and urgently upon the necessity which has long existed for a thorough cleansing of our city, which, as a rule, is, we unhesitatingly affirm, in a condition of filth, which is simply disgraceful. We have also stated our opinion that the appointment of a health officer was emphatically demanded; and we proved to the satisfaction of every one who took the pains to *think*, that our mortality was far larger than it would be were that attention paid to sanitary arrangements which the appointment of a responsible health officer would, we believe, entail. But our words fell unheeded upon the ears of the authorities, especially the Health Committee, who have had the unenviable notoriety of not having a legal meeting for a time, which twelve months would not cover. Months have passed away, and now we hear that Cholera is travelling the course which it has in times past, and that ere a great while, in all probability, it will be in our midst spreading death and desolation on every side. At last the Health Committee, after great exertion by its energetic chairman—aroused by a sense of the impending danger—has met, and taken the advice of our medical men; but strange to say, we yet do not find anything like that activity which the position of affairs demand. On every side of us, filth and abomination abound; and not later than the 12th of this month, in one of our streets through which passes probably as much traffic as any in the city, in the midst of a dense population, there exists on one side of the street, a narrow pool of foul water covered with a thick yellow scum—a pool that would do credit to the finest