

Dr. Austin was very successful in his profession ; and as a proof of the estimation in which he was held, we may mention that a few days before he left he was presented by a few friends with a purse of \$500, and a kind, sympathising address.

He carries with him the sympathies of his old teachers and classmates of McGill, and we sincerely hope he will receive all the benefit he anticipates from his trip, and that he will return in the spring in renewed health and vigor.

SMALL POX.

It is by no means pleasant to be forced again to notice the singular apathy of our Health Committee and our City Council on the subject of Small Pox. The disease is reported to be on the increase, and if we look at our weekly bills of mortality it will be observed that the number of deaths is augmenting week by week. It is true, no very prominent member of the community has been snatched away, to create a feeling of insecurity and to start a few vapouring reformers into temporary action.

What about a Small Pox Hospital—are we to have one? or two?—*or none at all?* Who will vouchsafe us an answer. It is a matter of very great importance to the community, and one which, if our life is spared we will endeavour to ventilate on all suitable occasions. We are not alone in considering it a crime to permit Small-pox patients to be admitted into either of our general hospitals. It is a crime against common sense, and in the face of all that is known not only of the course and history of the disease small-pox, but of facts which have been published enunciating the experience of other communities. There are those in our community who, in very bitter terms condemn the conscientious utterings of a certain medical Practitioner in our city who is rabidly opposed to vaccination, of course the arguments he advances possess some show of truth, but he ignores