

Number admitted during the year 1860,.....	567
Of these there were from Upper Canada,.....	100
“ “ Quebec,	110
Children of Emigrants,.....	10
From Montreal and environs,.....	347
	— 567
Of these there died during the year,.....	414

This gives an average of 73 per cent of deaths. I am told by Dr. Hall, Professor of Midwifery, McGill College, who has made this a subject of research, that he obtained from this same institution the details of about 10 years; that during the period of his observations the mortality ranged from 70 to 90 per cent of recipients giving an average of 80 per cent. I must not omit mentioning that of the 347 who appear as hailing from Montreal, a large number of the mothers came to this city to be confined, and to hide their shame. It will thus be seen that the mortality of the Foundling Hospital in this city, though high, is not more so than the generality of these institutions in other countries, and considerably under that of some.

ART. VIII.—*Case of poisoning with Cicuta Maculata*. By G. D. TROUSDALE M. D., Melrose, being part of the Proceedings of the Botanical Society of Canada, with observations by George Lawson, Ph. D., Professor of Natural History, in the University of Queen's College, Kingston.

Settlers in a new country are prone to seek in the plants around them remedies for the diseases under which they suffer. The woods and swamps of Canada are rich in plants having energetic properties, and when mistakes are made through ignorance, or want of proper advice, melancholy accidents frequently happen. A case of this kind has again occurred, and is reported as follows by Dr. J. E. Trousdale, of Melrose, graduate of the Kingston University:—

On the afternoon of Wednesday the 11th December, Mr. Henry Jones, of the Township of Thurlow, went out into his fields to gather what is commonly called 'Spignit' or Spikenard (*Aralia racemosa*, L.), to make a syrup for his step-daughter, to relieve a 'pain in the stomach.' Unfortunately, he gathered, by mistake, the roots of another herb (*Cicuta maculata*, L.), of which he ate, and on returning to his house he cut off pieces, of which he and the different members of his family partook. They had no sooner sat down to supper than Mr. Jones leant back, and fell from his chair in a spasm; and in a few minutes more others of the family were taken ill. Being from home when sent for, I did not reach the patients till about ten o'clock in the evening, (five or six hours after the first seizure), and in a few minutes afterwards, Dr. Channonhouse, of Shannonville, who had also been sent for, arrived. We found Mr. Jones in spasms, which were subsiding, and most of the members of his family were very sick. We carried out the treatment for such cases, but seeing that Mr. Jones was sinking, we complied with his wife's request that another medical man should be sent for. All our efforts failed, and the man died in about twenty hours after partaking of the poison. By the vigorous use of emetics and other remedies, the