

conduct too severely. In acting thus they have betrayed the confidence reposed in them. The first impulse of an honourable mind would have been a resignation of that trust, before sanctioning proceedings tending to annihilate that Institution which by every principle of honour they were in an especial manner bound to sustain. The remarkable degree of fitness for office which they have thus displayed, and their consistency, will, we trust, form a matter for consideration at the May meeting, of the members of the Corporation; and it is not too much to anticipate that their defection will be adequately rewarded.

Chloroform.—Two instances of the application of this anæsthetic agent have occurred in this city within the last week—one a case of parturition, reported in this number by Dr. Holmes, the other an amputation at the Montreal General Hospital, by which its soporific powers were most successfully brought into play. This case, we hope, will be reported also, and we therefore forbear anticipating any of Dr. Sutherland's remarks on it. From what we have seen, we consider it as more valuable in its effects than ether, and (which is of some moment) less expensive. It is easily prepared; and for the benefit of our country subscribers, who may have difficulty in obtaining it from this city, in which it is largely manufactured by S. J. Lyman & Co., we give the following formula:—Take of Chloride of Lime four ounces, Alcohol one ounce, Water twelve ounces—mix in a capacious retort, and distil with a moderate heat. Two fluids come over, one of which, oily and heavier than the other, collects at the bottom of the receiver properly adapted to the retort. This is the Chloroform, and requires to be separated by, in the first instance, a decantation of the supernatant fluid, and to be purified and rectified, in the second, by a re-distillation from Chloride of Calcium. The quantity thus obtained is small. The secret of its economical manufacture consists in the employment of large quantities of the materials. We refer our readers to the Periscopic Department for full quotations from our British exchanges on the subject.

Returns of Diseases of Immigrants.—From an attentive correspondent in Dublin, we have received a letter, requesting us to publish returns of the diseases of the Immigrants, at the different hospitals and stations in the Province. We have, in a preceding number, called the attention of Emigrant Hospital Physicians to this subject. Our correspondent informs us that a return is eagerly looked for by the Profession at home; and we hope, that now when the importance of the thing is alluded to, our request will be complied with. The statistics of diseases of immigrants, is invested with considerable interest as regards the endemic influence of the country.

Our American Exchanges.—Since the 1st of December last, none of our exchanges have come to hand, with the exception of the *Annalist*, the *Medical Examiner*, and *American Journal of Dental Science*. We have already called our contemporaries' attention to the circumstance, and do it again. We wish our files complete for reference. There must be a serious want of management somewhere; but we desire not to be victimised by it, without giving the requisite information.

Notice to Subscribers.—Two Collectors from the office of this journal are, at the present moment, on a tour in Canada West, collecting the subscriptions and arrears due to this journal. Messrs. Wood and Wadsworth, who are taking different routes, will shortly wait upon subscribers. The subscriptions, individually small, when collectively considered, constitute a large amount, which it would be highly desirable to receive as early as possible.

OBITUARY.

On the 3rd January—Dr. Thomas R. Williams, of the Township of Westminster, aged 38 years.

At Kingston, on the 10th December, Richard Williams, Esq., M. D., Surgeon, half-pay 67th Light Infantry.

At St. Thomas, of enteritis, on Thursday, January 19, 1848, Dr. David James Bowman, one of the earliest physicians of the London district. Dr. Bowman had a most extensive practice, and, contrary to the usual fate of doctors in this province, has left his family in comfortable circumstances.

At London, of Aneurism of the arch of the Aorta, aged 53, Robert Liston, Esq., F. R. S., Professor of Clinical Surgery in University College.

At Berlin, on 11th December, just before commencing his clinical lecture, Dieffenbach, the celebrated Prussian surgeon.

At Camden Town, on 7th December, Dr. Wigan, the well-known author of the work "on the Quality of the mind."

In December last, at Manchester, in his 80th year, Dr. Holme, President of the Literary and Scientific Institution. Dr. Holme has bequeathed the munificent sum of £25,000 to the Medical Department of University College, London.

At Montpellier, in December last, M. Dumas, Prof. of Midwifery in the University of Montpellier.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Dr. W. H. B. (of Matilda) is informed that the Provincial Medical Board holds its next meeting in Quebec on the second Tuesday of May ensuing.

Dr. Melville's (Niagara) communication has been received. A letter was directed to his address, requesting some additional information, to which a reply is requested. His communication will appear next month.

Dr. Craigie, (Hamilton.) The Meteorological Table will appear in the ensuing Number. It has been received.

Dr. Evans, (Richmond.) We have to acknowledge two letters from Dr. E., and apologise for not answering them, as well as for the omission of his name among the list of Licentiates, which was accidental on our part. It will appear with those of other gentlemen next month; our present space is full.

Dr. J. Douglas, (Quebec.) The statistics of the Fever will be most acceptable, not to ourselves alone, but to the Profession out of, as well as in, Canada.

The "Observations on Education," the concluding part of which, from our esteemed correspondent "L," should have appeared in this number, are unavoidably postponed until our next.

We acknowledge also letters from Dr. T. Moore, of Picton, and Dr. Surryor, of Beauharnois. Their names will appear in the next number, along with others.

Notice of the Honble. Adam Ferrie's Letter on the Subject of the Emigration of the last Year is unavoidably postponed to next issue.