

entries, stated that he feels convinced that many children who are entered without the name of the disease being appended, died from small pox. Those which we have selected were in every instance marked distinctly as having died of "Variola." There were, from the 2nd November, 1852, to the 1st January, 1853, 286 persons interred in the Roman Catholic burial places of the city. Of these 286, eleven died of small pox; the proportion to 1000 being 31.1. From the 1st January to the 30th June, 1853, the number of interments were 1065, of which 58 died from small pox. The mortality rising in those eight months to the high ratio of 54.4 in every 1000 deaths from all causes.

We are certain that, were it possible to obtain correct information as to the number of deaths which have occurred from variola during each year, for the last five years, throughout Canada, the ratio in which they would stand to all deaths that have occurred during each year for the same period, would vary between 15 and 30 in the 1000. It is high time, therefore, that something were done to check the ravages of this scourge.

We purpose taking up the consideration of this matter at some other time, when we hope to be able to lay before our readers additional information. If, in the mean time, some of our correspondents would send us an account of the relative mortality of small pox during the last one or five years in their own locality, we shall esteem it as a great favor, and shall duly acknowledge their communications when we write again on the subject.

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*Bill to restrain the Practice of Inoculation.*—At the close of the recent Session of Parliament, on the 14th June, the Governor General was pleased to give his sanction to the following Bill:—intituled, "An Act to restrain the injurious practice of inoculating with the small pox."—The preamble and enacting clause of the Bill read thus:—"Whereas it is highly expedient to restrain the injurious practice of inoculating with the natural small pox (variola); Be it enacted, &c., That any person who shall produce or attempt to produce, by inoculation with variolous matter, or by wilful exposure to variolous matter, or to any matter, article or thing impregnated with variolous matter, or wilfully by any means whatsoever the disease of small pox in any person in this Province, shall be liable to be proceeded against and convicted summarily before any two Justices, and for every such offence, shall upon conviction, be imprisoned for any term not exceeding one month."

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*College of Physicians and Surgeons.*—We would beg to remind the members of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Lower Canada, that the triennial meeting takes place on the 13th instant, at Three Rivers.

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*English Periodicals.*—By an advertisement on our cover, it will be perceived that Mr. Dawson offers to supply the three leading English Medical periodicals at a much reduced rate. This is an excellent opportunity to obtain the Journals mentioned, which should not be neglected by those who have not already subscribed to them.