

and the advantages of energetic muscular exertions over other restorative measures, have found advocates in almost all languages. A Dr. Mayer suggests a more passive course of exercise—*Massopathy*, which he predicts will “soon become a serious art,” and make those who follow it rich and esteemed.

The effulgence of these new lights is to be regretted, lest the old familiars, *Dypsopathy*, *Homœopathy*, *Hydropathy*, *Electropathy*, &c. &c., should be obscured. All, however, we believe, are destined to fade away, and in the transformations of decay, assume, by joint amalgamation, the shape of *Coffinopathy*, which, without disguise or mummery, openly repudiates medical philosophy and the experience of centuries.

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*Civic Honors.*—We are glad to perceive that the highly intelligent citizens of the wealthy municipality of Boston do not consider the profession of medicine as one which unfits a man for occupying a high civic position. In the election of Dr. J. V. C. Smith, the learned and travelled Editor of the Boston Medical and Surgical Journal, to the Mayoralty, they have manifested their appreciation of learning and talent in a way which does them honor.

By the way, we notice in the daily papers, a numerously signed requisition to Dr. Wolfred Nelson, to allow himself to be named as a candidate for the Mayoralty of this city. As the Doctor has returned an affirmative answer to the requisitionists, it is very probable that Montreal may select her next civic chief from the ranks of the medical profession.

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*Mortality in the Marine and Emigrant Hospital, Quebec.*—Many of our readers will remember, that in our August number, in noticing the report of the Commissioners appointed to enquire into the management of the Marine and Emigrant Hospital, we drew their attention to the great mortality which the records of the hospital exhibited—double that of similar institutions in the Province. At our request, Dr. Lemieux has kindly furnished us with monthly returns, showing the number of persons admitted into the Hospital, &c., and we are happy to perceive that the average number of deaths is now less than usually obtains in the practice of kindred institutions.—During the last six months, from the 3rd July to the 31st December, 1853, inclusive, there were admitted, of men, 549; women, 134; Children, 28—in all 711. Out of this number 38 died; or, on an average, 1 to 18.7 admitted. This is a striking improvement on 1 to 5.57, the statement made in the report of the Commissioners, and we congratulate our confreres on the fact.