

WE are in receipt of a letter from Mr. Alderman McCord. It is one of great importance; we heartily endorse the plain and pertinent matter therein contained, and consider the thanks of the community are due to the energetic Chairman of the Health Committee for giving publicity by means of his circular to the ways and means of mitigating the evils of that fell disease, small-pox.

Without further preface, we give Mr. McCord's circular, earnestly recommending it to the serious attention of all :

CITY HALL, Feb. 1st, 1876.

MY DEAR SIR,—As you are aware, the City has provided accommodation in the Civic Hospitals for its citizens suffering from small-pox. The Roman Catholic patients are received in the new building on the Hall property, attended by the Ladies of the Providence, and the Protestant patients, in the stone house on the same property, in charge of a lady of experience, assisted by a competent staff; and both hospitals are attended by Dr. Larocque, one of the Medical Health Officers, and every care and attention paid to the comfort of the patients. These hospitals are very favorably situated with a view to the recovery of the patients and, in the new building especially, the wards are very large and well ventilated. It is very desirable that citizens suffering from small-pox should avail themselves of the advantages thus placed at their disposal by the city, and by going to hospital, and thereby isolating themselves, limit, as far as possible, the chance of communicating the disease to others. We have scarcely a doubt that patients are daily recovering in the Civic Hospitals who should have succumbed to small-pox had they remained in their crowded homes. Accommodation is also provided for a limited number of pay patients in private wards, who may be visited by their own medical attendants or by the health officer at their option. For terms in private wards, kindly communicate with Dr. Dugdale, No. 645 Lagauchetiere street. You are earnestly requested to advise your patients who may contract small-pox to go into the Civic Hospitals in cases where isolation cannot be obtained in their residences, or when in your judgment it be desirable to do so. The Health Committee, in its endeavors to diminish small-pox in the City, desire the kind co-operation of the medical profession, as it is conscious that any success achieved will be very largely due to such co-operation.

You are, of course, aware that the Hotel Dieu and the Montreal General Hospital have been obliged to decline small-pox patients.

I am, dear sir, your ob't servant,

DAVID R. McCORD,

*Chairman Health Committee.*