Editorial Department.-Ledoyen's Disenfecting Fluid, &c.

Ledoyen's Disinfecting Fluid.—Since our last issue, Mr. Ledoyen, with Col. Calvert, have appeared in town, and have been busily engaged in experimenting with their fluid, both at the Montreal General Hospital, and Emigrant Hospital at Pointe St. Charles. We have been witness to some of their experiments at the former establishment; and can testify to the purification of the vitiated air of the water closets, and a ward in the hospital in which the atmosphere had been highly impregnated with effluvia emanating from soil purposely exposed. We are, nevertheless, still unconvinced of its being a disinfectant in the true sense of the term. A more proper term expressive of its actual powers would, we think, have been antibromic.

Sir William Burnet's fluid (chloride of zinc) has had its powers tested under similar circumstances, under the supervision of Dr. Stratton, R. N., who is also in town with that object in view. The experiments with it, as far as we have learned, have proved equally as satisfactory as those with that of Mr. Ledoyen.

Request to Physicians in Charge of Immigrant Hospitals.—Physicians in charge of the Immigrant Hospitals in both the Canadas, would confer a favour by forwarding to us, at as early a period as convenient, a statement of the admissions and discharges in their respective Hospitals, with, if possible, the nature of the diseases. The Editor of this Journal is desirous of preparing a statement indicative of the gross results of the diseases affecting the immigrants, and the total mortality attending them. The statistics of the *immigrants only*, admitted into such Hospitals, is desired.

Yellow Fever in New Orleans .- By the New Orleans Medical and Surgical Journal lately received, we regret to perceive the prevalence of yellow fever in that city. The mortality from that cause appears to have steadily and alarmingly increased from the 17th July to August 23. For the week ending July 17, out of 143 deaths, 6 were from yellow fever. For the week ending 24th July, out of 131 deaths, 16 were from yellow fever. For the week ending July 31, 47 out of 177 deaths, resulted from the same disease, and from this period it raged epidemically. Our contemporary observes, "From this time daily reports were published in the daily papers, and the number of deaths from yellow fever for the pext week was 133. Since that time the number of cases and the mortality have continued to increase, until at the present writing (Aug. 23), the disease pervades all ranks of society, and the number of deaths for the past week from yellow fever alone, amounts to 324."

Literary Announcement.—We have had submitted to us the MS. of a work "On the Muscles of the Upper Extremity," destined as a guide to students, in their anatomical pursuits, written by Dr. H. Nelson, lately lecturer at the School of Medicine and Surgery in this city. The work is judiciously arranged, and the details are concise, yet comprehensive and lucid.

At the general meeting of the Governors of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, held at Quebec on the 24th ult., a code of By-Laws was adopted, and are to be immediately submitted for the approval of His Excellency the Governor General, in accordance with the Act of Incorporation.

After passing the By-Laws the meeting proceeded to ballot for the officers, when the following were declared duly elected :---

| For Quebec, | Dr. Morrin, Vice-President. | |
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| | Von Ifland, Secretary. | |
| For Montreal, | Dr. Nelson, Vice-President. | |
| | Dr. David, Secretary ; and | |
| | Dr. Arnoldi, jun., Registrar and Tr | ea- |
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And it was Resolved, that the first meeting of the Governors for examination of candidates, be held in Montreal, on Tuesday, 26th October next.

Medico-Chirurgical Society.—The annual meeting of this Society was held on the 26th ult., and the following were declared the officers for the ensuing year:

Dr. Badgley, President. Dr. Campbell, 1st Vice-President. Dr. Sutherland, 2d Vice-President. Dr. Ed. Sewell, Secretary. Dr. Fraser, Treasurer. Drs. C. Sewell, Hall, and Howard,

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We have to acknowledge receipt of a paper "On the Time required to produce Death by a fatal dose of Medicinal Hydro cyanic Acid," from Dr. Sewell; and another "On the Physiology of the Fifth Pair of Nerves, but more particularly of the Opthalmic Branch," from Dr. Howard. These papers are unavoidably postponed, as well also that from Prof. Croft, "On the Yellow Sediment on the Margin of Pools after Rain."

Dr. Gilbert's letter has been also received. We find it impossible to give insertion to it in this number. It will receive due attention in our next,

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