

parts of our city, is very injurious to the health of the community ; it not only affects the community where such residences exist, but also those of the better class even to considerable distances. But is the Board of Health in a position to enforce compliance of speculators and builders, in common-sense principles in the creation of tenements. Public health, is not to be preserved by the various means adopted by our Health Board. Statistics are all very well and useful if they can be relied upon, but to be useful, they should be general, not a few desultory remarks from a few individuals. It appears to us that the Board of Health is beginning its work at the wrong end. Let us have a comprehensive public health act, and then will the Boards of health in our various cities be in a position to cope with the difficulty. The indication of the residences of individual patients, as is requested by the above, will not point out the unhealthy localities, and what is meant by "taking the necessary precaution" is utterly beyond our comprehension. What necessary precaution is the Board going to take supposing it be reported that the wife or daughter of one of our merchant princes is lying dangerously ill with Typhoid fever. The Board of health has lamentably failed in its mission : if instead of sending round silly and useless circulars, it took upon itself to supervise the sanitary state of the city generally, we would not have to complain of the many evils which exist amongst us, not the least of which is the spreading of sewage matter on our roadways.

VACCINATION AND SMALL-POX.

We extract the following from the *Gazette* of the 2nd instant. It speaks for itself, and is identical with the observations and returns of the London (England) small-pox hospital, which we published some months ago :—Ed.

“A grossly false and pernicious statement has of late been somewhat widely circulated by the opponents of