

ANTI-VACCINATION.

We have received a report of the investigation into the alleged case of poisoning by vaccination, but, as the editorial in the last number gives an outline of what occurred, and the report is long, we are unable to find room for it. We understand that the anti-vaccinators are again rushing into print and are publishing another case with photographic illustrations. Even if poison had been introduced into the system of these children, it would no more disprove the value of vaccination than a death from chloroform would prove that it should not be used. We saw the last case and the spot had the appearance of an ulcer, such as is seen in unhealthy persons, and classified as indolent. Such we took it to be, and from our enquiries have no doubt that dirt had as much to do with its formation as anything. Cancer cells, Syphilis, and what not have been found by these would-be discoverers, and though they have succeeded in searing a few, better and more skillful evidence must be obtained before the general public will feel concerned.

LAVAL UNIVERSITY.

We are in receipt of the annual circular of the above. It forms quite an extensive pamphlet of 130 pages. The number of students who attended the classes in medicine, during the session 1873-4, was 89. 19 obtained the degree of M.B.

A Davenport newspaper speaks of a doctor in that city "looking with a deep meaning smile upon a large lot of green cucumbers in the market." On his way home he was observed to whisper confidentially to several undertakers.

It is related of Sir James Simpson, the celebrated English physician, that the Duchess of Buccleugh drove up to his door and sent her footman to tell him that she waited without. "Tell the duchess," he replied, "that Dr. Simpson is engaged with a washerwoman."

PERSONAL.

Dr. Robert McDonnell, F.R.S., of St. Stephen's Hospital, Dublin, was in the city for a few days during the first week of this month, being on his way to the Pacific Coast. In company with Dr. Hingston, he visited the Hotel Dieu and Montreal General Hospitals, expressing himself as being highly pleased with the visits. Dr. McD. is well known for his Physiological researches, and for his strong and able advocacy of Torsion as a means of arresting hæmorrhage.

Dr. Moffatt, of Quebec, terminated a somewhat long career on the 3rd of September, at the age of fifty-seven. Dr. M. was better known for his kind, genial bearing, and for his *bon-homme* than for brilliant talents or extensive acquirements. He was considered a safe and prudent practitioner, ever ready to receive advice from his confrères, which a modest estimate of his own abilities led him to think was of advantage to those entrusted to his care. Dr. M. is said to have amassed considerable wealth.

Dr. E. A. Duclos (M.D., Bishop's College, 1874,) has settled in St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, where he has a good prospect of success. He has been appointed medical attendant to the French Protestant Institute, situated at that place.

Dr. J. B. McConnell, of this city, has been elected to the Chair of Botany, in the medical faculty of Bishop's College, rendered vacant by the resignation of Dr. Tabb. Dr. McC. has diverted considerable time to this subject, having made it a speciality, and is in possession of a very large collection of Botanical specimens, which have been collected and arranged by himself, being the result of extended tours made for the purpose.

Dr. O. H. E. Clarke (M.D., McGill, 1870,) is in the possession of an extensive and lucrative practice at Cohoes, State of New York.

Dr. G. W. Peltier (M.D., Bishop's College, 1873,) has also settled in the same place.

Cohoes is a manufacturing town which is rapidly increasing in size, and contains about 20,000 inhabitants.

Dr. Wallace Clarke (M.D., McGill, 1871,) of Marquette, Lake Superior, was in Montreal the beginning of this month, being called here by the urgent sickness of his father.

Dr. Wilkins, Professor of Pathology in Bishop's College, has been appointed lecturer of Practical Physiology in the same institution.

Dr. G. E. Fenwick has returned from Scotland and resumed practice. Dr. F. had a very pleasant trip, and his numerous friends will be pleased to learn that his health is completely restored.

The introductory lecture at the opening of the fourth session of the Medical Faculty of Bishops College, will be delivered by Prof. Kennedy, Oct. 1st, 11 a.m. Friends of the college are invited to attend.

BIRTH.

ALEXANDER.—On the 7th inst., at Montreal, the wife of John R. Alexander, M.D., of a daughter.

DIED.

LOVEJOY.—On the 26th inst., at 636 Palace street, Jennie Augusta, beloved daughter of Dr. Geo. W. Lovejoy, aged 7 years, 4 months and 3 days.

At Quebec, on the 3rd of September, after a short illness, P. D. Moffatt, Esq., M.D., in the 57th year of his age.