

of plague-struck cities in the middle ages, and of which the writer may say :

; quæque ipse miserrima vidi
Et quorum pars magna fui.

The Atlantic Ocean was dotted with the bodies of upwards of five thousands immigrants thrown overboard in the middle passage. Passenger ships arrived at Grosse Isle with the remnant of a phantom crew ; in some vessels the deaths on the passage were from 150 to 220, and on arrival there were hardly hands enough left to work the ship into the anchorage. It is needless to attempt to describe the condition of the remaining passengers or the state of filth of the 'tween decks. In some cases dead bodies in a half putrid state were found in the berths, and had to be drawn up on deck with boat hooks ; no one on board having had strength or courage to throw them overboard before arrival. Upwards of 20,000 sick were treated on shore in tents, temporary sheds and on board the vessels that year ; and 3534 were buried in one small spot, relays of men being engaged night and day for many weeks of a sultry summer in digging trenches to bury them.

After the experience of this year, steps were taken to render the establishment better fitted for the purpose contemplated. An excellent deep water wharf was built, and the site of the hospitals was removed to the Eastern end of the Island and separated from that part where healthy Emigrants were landed to wash and purify. Substantial buildings capable of accommodating 5000 souls were put up. Two of these at the hospital and two at the healthy division were double-lined and double-floored, and heated by stoves, so as to serve during the cold weather of early