

few men of the Protestant faith ever had more sincere friends among the Roman Catholic priesthood than he had. His death, although somewhat sudden when it did come, had been for several weeks looked upon as a contingency which could not be a great way off. His disease was dropsy, due to hepatic obstruction, and the immediate cause of his death profuse hæmatemesis. At the time of his death he was one of the Governors of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Lower Canada, and occupied many other prominent professional positions.

LOUIS BOYER, M.D.

Dr. Boyer died on the 15th of January after a protracted illness of several months, and his remains were entered in the Côte des Neiges Cemetery, on the morning of the 17th January, followed to their last resting place by a large number of his professional friends. He graduated at McGill College in 1842, and almost immediately filled the position of House Surgeon to the Montreal General Hospital. About 1844, he proceeded to Europe, passing some two years in the French Capital, returning to Montreal in 1846. In 1847, in conjunction with Dr. Fenwick and a few others, he started the Montreal Dispensary, which is to-day in a very flourishing condition, and remained upon its attending staff till about the year 1866, when he retired. In 1848, he was selected to fill the chair of Medical Jurisprudence in the Montreal School of Medicine and Surgery, which position he most creditably filled till 1860, when he resigned. He never very actively engaged in general practice, his means being sufficient to render him independent. By those who knew him well—he was much esteemed by every one—he was the true type of a perfect gentleman.

MONTREAL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY,
MONTREAL BRANCH (VICTORIA COLLEGE.)

We understand that serious difficulties arose the first part of December between the students of this Medical School and its Medical Faculty, one of whose members was so obnoxious to the class, that they positively refused to listen to him. The result was the closing of the school, and the expulsion of some five or six of the students. The school reopened about the 13th of January, the difficulty being about that time arranged in a manner satisfactory to the students. It is understood that at the close of the present session Dr. Beaubien will retire, and that his place will be occupied by Dr. Arthur Ricard.

WESTERN HOSPITAL, MONTREAL.

The charter for this new General Hospital has passed the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Quebec.

GOVERNMENT GRANTS TO MEDICAL SCHOOLS.

The Medical Faculty of Bishop's College have been placed on the list of those schools which receive Government aid. Five hundred dollars was voted them on the supplementary estimates. Laval and McGill College and the Montreal School of Medicine have been voted the usual grant of seven hundred and fifty dollars.

SMALL POX.

This terrible disease still continues its ravages in Montreal, its fatality entirely confined to those who have neglected to make use of vaccination and re-vaccination. Week after week we read the same melancholy tale, with a gradually increasing number of victims. The small pox accommodation of the Montreal General Hospital has more than once been so full as to necessitate the refusal of patients, and yet in spite of all this, we do not hear of anything being done by our Health Committee with regard to a Small Pox Hospital. This state of inaction is positively outrageous; lives are being sacrificed, the disease is spreading, each new case is a focus, from which it will multiply. We know the position which they occupy is a delicate one, but if they will only act according to the dictates of common sense entirely uninfluenced by outside pressure, we have no fear of the result. We must have one hospital open, alike to all, the Catholic, the Protestant, the Jew or the Pagan. The idea of two hospitals should not be entertained—such, at all events is our firm conviction.

TO OUR EXCHANGES.

Ever since the *Record* was issued, now about a year and a half, we have forwarded one to all those exchanges which we received when connected with the *Canada Medical Journal*. Quite a number, however, have never sent their Journal in return. Would editors of Medical Journals, who read this paragraph, kindly see whether we are on their exchange list.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

P.—We have seen the paragraph you refer to in the *University Gazette*. It is a mixture of untruth