

as possible, we were, at first, at a loss to imagine. It was not that advice which we think was to have been expected from a body of scientific gentlemen, who should certainly have expressed the opinion that isolation was an absolute necessity. Within a few days, however, we have we think been furnished with information which explains the very singular addition to their report; and it is this. If the money is given to the Hotel Dieu, to erect a Small-Pox Hospital, we are assured by one who should know, that it will be connected with the main building by means of a covered way. If this should be done, we need hardly say, the expenditure of money will have been perfectly useless, and without the comforting reflection that the expenditure was made in ignorance. Is not the unfortunate experience of the Montreal General Hospital, to our hand, to show that notwithstanding that admirable Institution, has as far as it is possible, made the separate building, (about three feet from its main building,) used for small-pox patients, an isolated hospital, yet the disease has spread to those who were admitted with other affections. It is, therefore, to us a matter of very sincere regret that the Montreal School of Medicine did not see their way clear to come to conclusions similar to those arrived at by McGill and Bishop's Colleges, which we honestly believe, are simply scientific deductions drawn, after viewing the matter in a purely scientific light. We can but believe that, had our friends of the School of Medicine, reasoned the questions put them by the Mayor, from a purely scientific stand-point, there would not have been any difference between the report presented by them and that presented by their English confrères. Unfortunately, we feel constrained to believe that they have not done so, and the result has been that their report, which will strongly influence the action of many members of the council, is one which will not, in our opinion, bear investigation. It is not clear and plain, its advice is not distinct and emphatic, unless indeed it be in advising that the \$30,000 be given to the Hotel Dieu. Their first scientific advice, that with regard to isolation, is not, in accordance with the views held by all eminent authorities of the present day on the subject. Did space permit us, there is another part of this report, which we would like to notice, viz: Their advice with regard to vaccination; but, although we listened very attentively to the report, and to the subsequent remarks of their representative, (which seemed to us not to accord precisely with the report) we confess that we left the City Hall, not knowing exactly what their recommendation on this point was, although we

thought they were in favor of compelling primary vaccination but not of compulsory re-vaccination. If so, we think that here again their advice is not that which is now generally received by the medical world.

We will not follow this matter further, for it is not a pleasant one to handle; but we feel that the meeting of the Representatives of the three Medical Faculties, with the Board of Health was a fit and proper matter for discussion in the *Record*. We wish most earnestly that it were in our power to make those who hold the decision of this matter in their hand see the matter as we do. We earnestly ask them to pause before they ultimately commit this City of Montreal, to a blunder, which would make us the scorn of the scientific world. The great glory of medicine is the universality with which its benefits are bestowed, showered alike on all. Shall we in this enterprising city be the first to lay down the maxim that Protestant and Catholic, Jew and Pagan cannot occupy the same building when stricken down with disease. God forbid, that a doctrine so monstrous, should first see light in Montreal.

#### BISHOP'S COLLEGE MEDICAL FACULTY.

The third annual Convocation for the conferring of degrees in the Faculty of Medicine of Bishop's College, was held in the Convocation Hall of the University, at Lennoxville, on the 9th April. The Chancellor, Hon. Edward Hale, presided, having on the platform the President of the Corporation, his Lordship the Anglican Bishop of Quebec. There was a large attendance of the friends of the University.

Dr. David, Dean of the Faculty, announced that thirty students had matriculated on the College Register—twenty-six from the Province of Quebec; three from Ontario, and one from Barbadoes. That the Faculty prize for the best final examination had been awarded to Mr. Robert Costigan, a gentleman who had commenced and finished his medical education at the College.

The following gentlemen passed their examinations on botany:—Messrs. Gravely, Lane, Shee and Davis.

The following gentlemen passed their primary examination, viz., John M. Mackay, David A. Hart, P. Arthur Shee, Israel Lemieux, Edward Rose, Joseph Arthur Pidgeon, Victor J. A. Venner.

The Dean then presented the following gentlemen for graduation, when the usual oath having been