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SIR,—I have the honour to submit herewith the Annual Quarantine Report for this Station for the year 1873.

On the 16th of January, the schooner *Linda* arrived from Boston with two seamen ill from small pox. The vessel was quarantined, the cases removed to the Quarantine Hospital, and the captain and remainder of the crew to the Convalescent Hospital at the Station. The vessel was cleaned and fumigated, and after 14 days the crew left the island, joined her, brought her into port and discharged her cargo. The two seamen left behind recovered, and were discharged from the hospital on the 20th of February.

On the 19th of March, the steamship *Chase* arrived from Portland, U.S., having one sailor suffering from small pox. I had the case removed to the Quarantine Station, and the remainder of the crew to the Convalescent Hospital on the island. The steamer having gone through the usual cleaning, &c., after two days was allowed to be brought into port, where cargoes were exchanged. She then sailed for Portland, calling at Lawlor's Island for her crew. The patient from the ship recovered and was discharged from hospital in about the average number of days required for recovering from that malady.

On the 18th of April, the steamship *Hibernian* of the Allan Line arrived from Liverpool with twelve cases of scarlet fever among the steerage passengers, who numbered several hundred, and were to proceed in a few hours in the same steamer to Baltimore. The disease being of a malignant character, several cases having died before reaching the port, I thought it judicious to remove these children with their mothers to the Quarantine Station. Three of the cases died a few days after their removal; the others recovered, and all had left the island by the 15th of May.

On the 19th of April, the schooner *Madam Roland*, a Gloucester fishing vessel, arrived having lost one seaman on the banks from what the captain supposed was small pox. On the 24th of April—the vessel having remained in quarantine—three of the sailors presented distinct symptoms of small pox. These cases were removed to the island, two of which died on the eleventh day, and the other recovered; the vessel remained in quarantine the usual time but no other cases occurred.

On the 22nd of April, the captain of the steamship *Alhambra* when about leaving the port for Boston, discovered that one of his sailors was ill. I found that the case was one of small pox, and had it removed at once, when the steamer left for her destination with instructions to the captain to have his ship fumigated and cleansed during the passage. This man recovered and was discharged from the hospital in about four weeks.

On the 28th of May, a young man by the name of Bouser, a carpenter and son of the contractor of the buildings at the station, was found to have small pox. This man had been working at his trade and for his father on the island, and, having had small pox when an infant, probably took no precaution to avoid the disease. The case was a very severe one, and terminated fatally on the 9th of June.

On the 18th of June, H.M.S. *Doris*, and on the 29th of September, H.M.S. *Swallow* arrived from the West Indies with several cases of yellow fever, but as all were convalescent, and as there was no danger of the disease spreading, I allowed these patients to be removed to the Naval Hospital.