

Mr. M. C. Mullarky, said he felt deeply interested in the movement. He thought that those whom Providence had blessed with worldly goods were bound to devote some of it to relieve the suffering of their fellow-creatures. He sat down by asking the Treasurer to put him down for another subscription equal to what he had already paid.

Mr. C. P. Davidson was present, and gave information as to the legal business, which he had conducted for the Corporation the day previous.

Previous to the adjournment, Major Mills, intimated his intention of having his plans for building prepared at once, and submitting them to the Officers of the Institution.

Mr. A. C. Hutchison is acting as the architect.

THE MORTALITY OF MONTREAL.

Our readers do not need to be told that Montreal is an unhealthy city; that everybody, the world over, unfortunately knows too well, but perhaps they may or do not know the depth of our degradation, do not know how very far down we are in the mud. We are indeed *almost* in despair, nay not *almost*, *we are indeed in despair*, that anything ever will be done to lift us up in the scale to anything even approaching respectability; we hesitate to say what position we occupy, comparing our mortality with other cities, for it is disgraceful, with all the healthiness of our position, that we should be so very near the bottom of the list. Few cities of the old world, with their crowding and their filth, show such a ratio as we do, and we believe that on this American continent we have the disgraceful honor of having the largest death-rate. The total mortality for the year 1875 was 6,311. Seven hundred and eighty-four were from small pox, and, as regards nationality, 653 were French Canadians, 103 British Canadians, 2 Irish, 4 English and 4 Scotch, and 18 were divided among other nationalities. Is it not shameful that so many of our French Canadian fellow-citizens should be slaughtered by the neglect of vaccination, for there is not the shadow of a doubt but that it is to this neglect that so large a mortality is due. Its opponents hold doggedly to their anti-vaccination views, and the injury they have done and are doing is incalculable. Perhaps in the future there may be a change, but we despair.

SIR GEO. D. GIBB, BART.

As we go to press we learn that this distinguished Canadian and old Montrealer, is in a condition of health as to cause his friends great uneasiness. We hope for the best but fear the worst from what we hear.

PERSONAL.

Dr. Buller, M.R.C.S.E., late Resident Surgeon Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, has located himself in Montreal, with the intention of practising as an oculist and aurist.

Dr. Proudfoot, who has practised in Montreal for the past three years, with the most marked success, as an oculist and aurist, has been appointed ophthalmic and aural surgeon to the Montreal Dispensary.

REVIEW.

Physicians Visiting List for 1876. Philadelphia, Lindsay & Blakiston: Montreal, Dawson Brothers.

We have used this list for the past twelve years, and have found it more than convenient—in fact, indispensable. We urge its employment by our readers. It is arranged for twenty-five, fifty, and one hundred patients a week.

Chemia Coartata; or Key to Modern Chemistry.

By A. H. KOLLMYER, A.M., M.D., Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics at the University of Bishop's College, Professor of Materia Medica and Pharmacy at the Montreal College of Pharmacy, and late Professor of Chemistry, &c. Printed and published by J. Starke & Co., 54 St. Francois Xavier Street, Montreal.

This little work, concisely compiled, admirably arranged, and beautifully published, has been sent us by its author, and we confess that its perusal has been a source of real enjoyment to us, for, with comparative ease, we have been able to refresh our minds upon a subject which constant occupation had rendered somewhat rusty. The preface tells us that the main object of the author has been to compress into as small a space as possible everything connected with the study that deserves attention, and to give no more explanatory matter than is actually required to render each subject perfectly intelligible, and in this aim we think he has succeeded. We strongly recommend it to all students, and also to those who may wish to revive their knowledge of chemistry. The following letter, which Dr. Kollmyer has received from Dr. J. Baker Edwards, the well-known chemist, shows the high estimation in which he holds the work:

(Copy.)

January 1st, 1876.

MY DEAR SIR,—I have carefully and critically examined and studied your work "*Chemia Coartata*," and have much pleasure in assuring you that I consider it a most valuable addition to our list of Chemical text books, and a useful work of refer-