

from the exhalations, while a dog dies at once. Smallpox, he says in conclusion, is as much indigenous to Montreal as yellow fever to New-Orleans or ague in New Jersey."

We trust no further questions will be asked as to why smallpox rages here. This body of "eminent scientists" has put the matter beyond a peradventure.

THE "MEDICAL PRESS OF WESTERN NEW YORK."—We have received the first number of this latest addition to American medical journalism. It is under the editorial management of Dr. Roswell Park of Buffalo, well known as one of the most enterprising surgeons of that city, and one whose contributions on surgical subjects have already made for him an extensive reputation. He is assisted by able colleagues from Buffalo, Syracuse and Rochester. *The Press* is a handsome journal, containing, in its first issue, an excellent collection of original papers, besides other matter of much interest. There is always ample scope for a high-class monthly such as this promises surely to be, and we wish it all success.

Medical Items.

HOW TO TAKE A PILL.—Dr. Ashwallis (*Med & Surg. Rep.*) says: Dr. Hanna's method, which I have tried with success on many patients who thought it impossible for them to swallow a pill in the ordinary way, is to place one or more pills under the tongue. I repeat, place one or more pills under the tongue, then take a mouthful of water or other liquid, and swallow (just as in the act of drinking). Invariably the "I-can't-take-a-pill" patient is astonished, and will investigate his mouth with his fingers to reassure himself that he has really swallowed the pill. The success—secret—as you wish—lies in the fact that in the act of drinking the tongue curves back upon itself; the pill, taken by the force of the current, is imperceptibly washed down the oesophagus.

MALTOPEPSYN.—Since the introduction of Maltopepsyn into the Dominion of Canada, its rapid and increasing demand, arising entirely through the support of the medical profession, until it now stands at the head of all remedies of its kind, proves conclusively its intrinsic merit and superiority of formula over all other digestive remedies. This is still further attested to by the signatures of nearly all the leading physicians of Canada, and the fact that it has met with the support of the profession in England, and is gaining a large sale throughout Great Britain. Maltopepsyn is invaluable as a specific for infants' troubles during the summer months, such as cholera infantum, etc.