

of London, England, was one), established the Pathological Society of Montreal; and the year following, Dr. Peltier was elected Vice-President, and subsequently he filled the Presidential chair. Real, live work was done amongst us. We met at each other's houses, held regular meetings every alternate Saturday, and some of the transactions of those meetings are to be found in the medical periodicals of that day. Those pleasing and instructive meetings were kept up for some eight or ten years.

The year 1849 brought an epidemic of Asiatic cholera. The larger share of the labour fell on the junior members of the profession, as that disease was most prevalent amongst the poorer class of the community. As it was believed that, in all likelihood, cholera would again invade the city the year following, it was deemed desirable to establish a free dispensary for affording relief to the poor of the city. Relief was to be afforded to all deserving comers, independent of creed or nationality. Dr. Peltier shared in this good work of getting up and establishing on a sure footing this charitable institution. He, with five other physicians, canvassed the city for support, and the Montreal Dispensary was firmly established—an institution which subsequently received an act of incorporation from the Legislature, and which, to this day, is recognised as one of the prominent and most useful charities of this city of Montreal.

Dr. Peltier assiduously performed his duty as one of the attending physicians to the dispensary, and continued to do so long after he had received an appointment as one of the attending staff to the Hôtel-Dieu Hospital. This, with increasing practice, and service rendered to several other charities, so encroached upon his time that he was forced to retire from the active staff of the dispensary when he was unanimously elected a consulting physician to that charity,—and he continued to the last to take a deep interest in the welfare of the institution.

After the passing of the act of incorporation of the profession of this Province in 1847, in consequence of the provisions of the act regulating the study of medicine, several additional lectureships in the Montreal School of Medicine and Surgery had to be made, and Dr. Peltier was selected to fill the Chair of Institutes of Medicine; this was in August, 1847. This chair he has filled