

more than six hours. When she awoke her delirium had ceased, and she rapidly regained her mental faculties. For three days previous to this she had not slept, and the delirium was so violent as to require two men to watch her. I gradually reduced the dose of the bromide of potassium, first to ten grains every six hours, and then to five grains. She made a speedy and complete convalescence.

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*Notes on the Principles of Population.* Montreal compared with London, Glasgow, and Manchester. By ANDREW A. WATT, Esq.; Montreal.

In the autumn of 1855, when the weekly returns of the burials in the City were attracting a good deal of attention, I sent a letter, containing the substance of the following articles, to a City newspaper and its publication was declined.

In 1859, a committee of gentlemen republished and distributed, gratis, the essay by Dr. Carpenter, which appeared in the *Canadian Naturalist and Geologist* of June that year. I again, addressed a letter on the subject of Vital Statistics to a City paper and it was rejected.

In February, 1861, I wrote a review of Dr. Carpenter's essay for the *Gazette*, but, after the appearance of three parts, it was discontinued on account of the great delay in publication.

In Feb., 1865, the *Gazette*, in an article, "London vs. Montreal" said, "that out of a 100,000 people resident here, nearly 1200 more died per annum than would die in the heart of London, &c., &c." After an interview with the Editors another letter was rejected.

In August last the whole of the tables were submitted to the *Witness* and their publication agreed upon. But the expense of setting up the type was so great, that a large portion of the second and nearly the whole of the third articles had to be withdrawn.

The invitation given in the City Council, on the 13th September last, induced me to write the second article, in which there is introduced a portion of the matter written for the *Witness*. Mr. Lovell, who thought the first essay worth republication, willingly published the second. These facts will account, in some degree, for the very imperfect form in which the notes appear.

Montreal, 8th November, 1869.

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Table showing the population, number of marriages, baptisms and burials in the city of Montreal in the 14 years from January, 1855, to December, 1868.

The population is increased at 5.10 per cent. per annum; the rate of increase between the Census years 1852 and 1861.

The number of marriages and baptisms is from the Clergy returns, and is incomplete.