

no, there is no cessation to his toil, for his mind, his body, nay his very soul is exercised in the painful struggle. What then is the end of the contest? It may be, that he escapes the ordeal unscathed, and it may be that the poison of pestilence has infused its venom into his overwrought and excited system, he falls beneath the glance of the winged messenger of death, and crumbles, his earthly dust unheeded and unknown, except to those who were dependent on his exertions, the dear wife of his bosom and orphan children.

Again, I would ask, does the practice of your profession offer you the means of acquiring wealth equal to the merchant or tradesman? Does it enable you to speculate with capital, if you happen to possess it, like other avocations? you know that you are permanently fixed to the circle of your practice, and cannot absent yourself from your post, even to advantage yourself in matters unconnected with your profession, without endangering a business which may, perhaps, have cost you half a life to acquire. Again, are you paid for your services willingly as the tradesman or mechanic? your debts are generally the last upon the list for payment, and are usually liquidated grudgingly, but few are grateful for the vast and important services you have rendered; the majority accept them as matters of course, and think no more about it. To sum up in a few words, considering the inestimable services rendered by the members of our profession to society, the labor, hardships, and privations which they incur in the discharge of their important, harassing, and frequently perilous duties; it must be admitted that no class of men is, in general, so miserably and inadequately remunerated as the class of medical practitioners. Our present object ought, therefore, to secure the combined action of our professional brethren in the important project now mooted, a project capable in its effects of removing a most painful position, and to which many among us know not the day they may be exposed; as well as those most dear to them, their wives and children. Let us then, with combined energy and zeal, give evidence to the public, that while we are humane and considerate in the exercise of our duties to them, even in times of contagious or pestilential epidemics, we also are ready to assist in securing to our brethren a refuge in need.

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ART. LII.—*The Medical Statistics of the City of Montreal.* By GEORGE E. FENWICK, M. D., Physician to the Montreal Dispensary and Infirmary for Diseases of Women and Children.

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It is unnecessary to follow out the details of each disease in their order of arrangement, as it would occupy more space than I have at command. A reference to a few diseases, allied to the above as to cause or origin, will suffice.

*Hooping Cough.*—This disease removed by death 83 individuals during the year. The month of March having the largest proportion; as to locality the St. Ann's and St. Antoine wards return the largest numbers.

*Croup.*—This disease which is also of zymotic origin, proved fatal in 79 cases. The months of March and November, appear to be most favourable to its develop-