

against the dreaded advent of small-pox. It then proved to be not alone an invaluable, but an essentially necessary establishment, in a city and port like Halifax, into which that, and other fatal epidemics, may suddenly be introduced, and, as in Montreal and Charlottetown, cause destruction of life, happiness and order. The city authorities, wisely acting on the maxim that "prevention is better than cure," took such steps as they deemed most effectual to protect the people. At the request of His Worship the Mayor, made to the President, an arrangement was entered into with the physicians of the Dispensary in November to undertake the vaccination of all applicants at the moderate charge of twenty-five cents per head. The City supplied vaccine to the extent of \$100 in value, to initiate the work; any further quantity to be provided by the physicians. The large vacant apartment on the second story, and the Directors' room in the Dispensary, were given for this special object. The rush was so great at the outset that a policeman was required to keep the struggling applicants in order, and the doctors were over-taxed attending to all. The excitement abated in a few weeks, and at present but few apply. The hours of attendance were from 10 to 1, and 4 to 6 o'clock daily, and are now from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This arrangement, as desired by his worship the Mayor, will be continued until further notice. The number vaccinated to date is about 1500, and it is gratifying to state that no serious illness has resulted to any of these patients. The success of this work is an earnest to the authorities and the public generally, that in the continuance of the Dispensary they possess a resource ready at short notice, upon which they can rely to carry out any sanitary enactment or regulations within its sphere.

"Continuance," however, depends upon the supply of funds—and the supply of funds upon the liberality of voluntary contributors, and of the subsidies from "the powers that be." In this connection the Directors regret

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