

any one else responsible for such neglect as leads to a fatal conclusion of the victim's life, guilty of homicide.

The Ontario Medical Act provides for the registration of physicians, and its object is to regulate the practice of medicine and surgery in the province of Ontario, and indirectly, with the aid of The Public Health Act, to "secure the safety and protect the health of the public," and it might be well to consider the scope of those of its provisions which have been challenged by this new school of healing which is dethroning the intelligence of the common people, and challenging the ascertained facts of true science and defying the well settled principles of medical jurisprudence. Section 49, Ch. 176, R.S.O. 1897, provides,—“It shall not be lawful for any person not registered to practise medicine, surgery or midwifery for hire, gain, or hope of reward; and if any person not registered pursuant to this Act for hire, gain or hope of reward, practises or professes to practise medicine, surgery or midwifery, he shall upon a summary conviction thereof before any Justice of the Peace, for every such offence pay a penalty not exceeding \$100, nor less than \$25.”

In *Regina v. Stewart*, 17 O.R., 4 C.P.D., page 4, the defendant attended a couple of sick persons for which he received payment, but he neither prescribed nor administered any medicine nor gave any advice, his treatment consisting of merely sitting still and fixing his eyes on the patient. Held, that this was not a practising of medicine, contrary to the provisions of the above section 45, C. 148, R.S.O., 1887, (now see 49 of the Medical Act, 1897) and a conviction therefor was consequently quashed. The Christian Scientists assert that they do not practise medicine, and so claim that the law governing such practice has no application to them. Mrs. Eddy says, “A Christian Scientist never gives medicine, never recommends hygiene, never manipulates, . . . nor requires the life history of his patient.” Section 50 of the Ontario Medical Act says, “Any person who wilfully or falsely pretends to be a physician, doctor of medicine, surgeon or general practitioner, or assumes any title, addition or description other than he actually possesses and is legally en-