

a doctor, without ever dreaming of being able to send for his assistance.—Nay more, and let the monopolists hear it! Let them put us to the proof if they choose! How many send to them for medical relief and are denied? Denied, because of inability to lay down the fee, or ensure its payment! Not that we would charge them with criminal guilt for this, for if Physicians were compelled to attend all such cases, without fail, it is probable that some of them would soon be compelled to leave the business. But we do blame, and sensure severely every one of them, who, knowing these things, dares to ask for a monopoly of the business. But beyond all this, is it not well known that when disease assumes its most terrific aspect—physicians like craven cowards fly the field! How is it at this moment in Sandusky? Do not the papers inform us that the doctors have fled in terror? That the inhabitants are left to their own resources? How was it in Canada in the Cholera of 1832? Was there no monopolist then who fled from his post, and left the people to doctor each other or perish? Were the people not basely and meanly deserted by physicians, on whom they had placed their whole reliance, and who had led them to neglect the necessary preparation for the proper administration of medicine?—Physicians who would not even tell them the names of the remedies which they personally swallowed, lest that knowledge would transform them from docile *patients* into unmanageable quacks! All this, however, could be inured, and charged to the account of guilty cowardice—but to see these very men resume their places when the danger is over, and gravely ask that very people to strengthen their monopoly, and exact a fine of *five pounds*, for every day, that any one of them shall be found practicing medicine, this—yes this—is positively—unquestionably—cool—cool as an ocean of polar icebergs. Let the people who are thus mocked, repel the insult. Let them sweep away existing restrictions—let them prepare themselves in the best possible manner for the hour of need. Let the man possessing more medical genius and skill than his neighbors, be encouraged to help them, in cases where his

neighbors choose to employ him; that the best available means of health may be enjoyed by every class of our citizens. That the man who cannot obtain a doctor of the first grade, may have the best that his means will procure, that the man who cannot procure even the poorest doctor, may obtain the assistance of his most skilful neighbor.

Thus far we have reasoned, as though one, and only one, system of medical Philosophy obtained in Canada—as though all the people were perfectly satisfied with the system of cure acted upon by our monopolists in medicine, and were all perfectly willing to risk their lives upon its merits—and yet even upon this supposition, so highly favorable to the negative, we trust to satisfy all our readers that our position is invulnerable. We have but just opened the argument on this principle, when sufficiently extended, we will then proceed to show how the “restrictive laws which now protect the medical profession,” have cloven down the sacred NATURAL RIGHTS of thousands now residing in Canada, producing murmurings, grief and sullen discontent, with wranglings and disputings, which have rendered, and which will still render the execution of the law absolutely impracticable, as monopolists themselves are now compelled to admit. Medical monopolists know well, that all their attempts to execute the law, but sinks them the lower in the estimation of the people, without even gratifying their love of pre-eminence; as juries will not convict those whom they are pleased to pronounce criminals: and thus while their protective law does them no good, they are compelled to bear all the reproach and obloquy of its existence. In view then of all these, and many other kindred positions, which we expect fully to establish in the course of this discussion, we are fully persuaded, that our readers will find no difficulty, in safely reaching the conclusion, that “*society at large* would be greatly benefited, by the removal of “*the restrictive laws which now protect the Medical Profession in Canada.*”

We now wait patiently to see how our friend of the negative will meet our argu-