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Luther appealed from the Pope uninformed to the Pope informed, and it behoves those who have anything to communicate to the uninformed Parliament of Ontario, to approach the honorable members in a similar fashion. We will therefore approach this august assembly with profound reverence, and proceed to invite their consideration of the fact that sixteen hundred and ninety persons died, in this city alone, during the year 1881, and that eight hundred and thirty persons have died here during the first half of the present year. It can hardly be that much logic will be required to demonstrate to this honorable house that the representatives of the profession (in this city), to which the honorable members have blindly extended such enormous and irresponsible power, have failed to manifest skill enough to keep the two thousand five hundred and twenty persons above referred to, or any of them, on this side the grave; as little will an argument be needed to convince the honorable members that these professional healers are unable to keep their own relatives and children alive; and they may possibly have observed in the course of their individual experience, that the principal difference between the families of medical men and others is that the former *do not take medicine*. In view of such considerations as the foregoing, it may be permitted those who will be content with a verdict of manslaughter against the medical profession, to cherish the hope that the legislative assembly, in the plenitude of its wisdom, will devise means for the prevention of the continued rate of dissolution. Presenting one's self, as it were, at the door of the house, one would venture to suggest, with all humility, that as the time of the registrars of deaths is not entirely engrossed by their gloomy occupation, it might be well if we furnish them with other work to do, if we cease to regard every case of medical manslaughter as fatalists, and cease to exclaim—"We must all go when our time comes,"—"Died by the visitation of God," etc.—each of which theories, the doctors will doubtless readily endorse; it might be well if an opportunity were given to experienced men and women to testify what they can do to prevent death occurring in certain cases, to alleviate suffering, and to substantiate their testimony when required so to do; the registrar could enliven his occupation by recording this testimony, and opportunity could be found for giving publicity to it.

It is not generally known that the term "Allopathy" means "*the other pathy*," and this in contrast with Homœopathy, which wor-