

attention of the *Globe* to page 165 of "The Great American Fraud," by Samuel Hopkins Adams, where it will be seen that a certain Lydia E. Pinkham died on 17th May, 1883, or a little over 26 years ago, and was buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, Lynn, Mass. It is quite clear that it must be some other person than the Lydia E. Pinkham who died many years ago who answers the letters of those women who "write confidential letters." Perhaps the *Globe* can tell us who does the answering? We would like to know.

But there is a phase of the Medical Council's work that the public press does not fully appreciate. The Council is not for the purpose of creating a close corporation and making gain for the profession of this province. It is for the purpose of maintaining a high standard of education in the interests of the people, and not for the purpose of keeping down the numbers in the profession after the manner of a trades' union. The Council also does what it can to restrain members of the profession from doing unprofessional acts. This is also in the interest of the people rather than the profession. It would be far more injurious to the people than to the profession were unscrupulous doctors allowed freedom to put forth fraudulent claims to cure. The Council also has limited powers with regard to striking a practitioner's name off the register. Here there is the right to appeal to a judge. The Council's powers are limited, and, such as they are, they might very readily be made less effective by an appeal to the legislature. We know that this body is made up of persons of the most divergent views on matters of this sort. Some are antagonistic to all corporations without reason; others are ignorant of the duties of the Medical Council and will not take the trouble to learn; others have selfish reasons to serve and wish the portals of the profession thrown open.

Perhaps this may be the ultimate solution and then the people must suffer at the hands of the king they have prayed for. It may come to this, and the attitude of the *Globe* is making rapidly towards this unfortunate end.

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### MEDICAL JOURNALISM IN CANADA.

We give our readers the benefit of the following extract taken from the *Medical Press and Circular* for 2nd June, 1909, on "Medical Journalism in Canada."

"Among the many problems engaging the medical profession in Canada at present, one of the most urgent is that relating to the medical press. The present state of affairs is as follows:—There are nine medical journals published in the country, one in the Maritime Provinces,