

Previous to the passing of the "Ontario Medical Act," there were three independent Medical licensing bodies in Ontario, that are all abolished by the present Act, which repeals, the 29 Vic., 34 Cap. (Dr. Parker's Act of 18th September, 1865), the 22 Vic., 41 Cap. Con. Stat. U. C. (Homœopathic) and 24 Vic. 110 Cap. (Eclectic) thus concentrating the licensing power under one board for the entire province—the Medical Board of Examiners of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario under the "Ontario Medical Act." When we consider that neither of the two last named bodies, who each adopt exclusive or fanciful doctrines, have any teaching institutions in the Dominion, and yet had each licensing powers, it is surely a subject of congratulation to the public that these extraordinary powers have been abrogated, and that the advocates of these special and speculative theories or systems, shall be compelled to come up to the highest standard of Medical education.

The present Act (which is Dr. Parker's Act amended with the introduction of the Homœopathic and Eclectic clauses,) will rid the country of the charlatans and peripatetic emperics of both these classes, as fast as they die out; inasmuch as, the cases will be "few and far between" who will, (when compelled to matriculate and educate up to the highest Medical standard) take a license for a *part*, when by the same means they can obtain one for the *whole*; in other words, who will seek the legal right to practice medicine under an exclusive principle, when by the same means, the whole vast philosophic field of physic is open to them, whether Allopathic, Homœopathic, Hydropathic or Eclectic? Let these exclusions or specialists, first qualify up to the highest Medical standard, (as some whose names it would be invidious and improper to mention have done), and then let them adopt any system their taste and judgment dictates, and their patients prefer.

Under the present Act, we shall have no more Eclectic licentiates of the stripe to which the following belongs, nor other candidates for special license, excepting thoroughly educated and qualified persons. Here is a copy *verbatim et literatim* of a hand bill in my possession among other documents, as Chairman of the Committee of Ethics, of the Canadian Medical Association :

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