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MR. PESTLE'S OBSERVATIONS.

Mr. Pestle, the druggist, is one of the few who are teachable, and live to learn; one of the lessons Mr. P. has already learned is, that Doctors like thirty per cent. on their prescriptions, when they can obtain it. Mr. P. has also learned that his medical patrons like showy houses, etc. Lady Gullible casually informed Mr. Pestle that she had just defrayed a bill of \$180.00, under the comprehensive description of "medical attendance;" as Lady G. habitually purchases her dentifrice, her paint, and her powder at Mr. Pestle's store, Mr. P. bethinks him that his own future bills shall also be comprehensive; they will therefore be duly delivered under the general head of "Chymical attendance for six months, \$80.00."

The Honorary Registrar-General begs leave to submit to the Honorable Members of the Legislative Assembly, the fact that there is one physician in Toronto, who in twenty-two years' practice, has not lost a case of typhoid fever, has lost but one case of scarlet fever, no cases of diphtheria, and but three of twenty-seven cases of cancer, the majority of which had not broken.

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY.

There is one medical man in Toronto, whose belief in a mineral has manifested itself in the following fashion—Mr. A., the druggist, consented to give him twenty per cent. on all prescriptions, the Dr. might send to him; but unfortunately for Mr. A., Mr. B., of the same vocation, offered twenty-five per cent., and of course secured the prescriptions; the astute Mr. B., alas! in due time had to bewail the evanescence of the said prescriptions, for Mr. C. had turned up with an offer of thirty per cent. If there be a druggist who considers his customers sufficiently verdant to submit to the imposition of the screw to the extent of thirty-five per cent., and is prepared to negotiate with our medical friend, we shall be happy to introduce him to the Doctor, *for a consideration.*

WHY do people for the most part die? Because they have not learned to live.