

THE PATRON FUNERAL.

The funeral of the "Patrons" has at last occurred in Toronto. For a time it appeared as if this body would become formidable in the Ontario Legislature. It set out to abolish the Government House, to reduce expenditure, secure for the municipalities their old control over official appointments, abolish railway passes, and make "free trade in dentistry." Some of our discreet friends had reason, perhaps, to fear the interference of this organization, but it is at last dead and done for, and has not left a savory record behind it. There are occasions when one may rejoice over a grave. This is one.

ETHICS.

IT is rather curious to find ethical members of the profession making mock excuses for the sins and peccadilloes of the quacks. One good friend of ours in Ontario reiterates the charge that we are too hard on them. *Sub rosa*, he has more contempt than pity for them, but he does not think it politic to express himself openly, yet he offers no alternative suggestion but the policy of letting things drift. Now, the profession would be under deep obligations to any one who would find a remedy for quackery and quack-imitation other than exposure and ostracism. Would our worthy friend suggest something more effective? He happens to live in a town, which, for the present, is not pre-empted by the professional sharper. We would be only too glad to adopt milder methods, if it can be shown from even one instance that the quack and the gutter-dentist can be converted from the error of their ways by mission efforts of a purely philanthropic and persuasive character. Experience has proven the value of the logic of exposure. Exposure of existing quackery has deterred some, too, from following in its footsteps.

GEOGRAPHY OF THE TEETH.

IN an interesting series of articles in the *Popular Science Monthly* on the racial geography of Europe, France, the Teuton and the Celt is discussed in the July issue, and mention made of facts in connection with the teeth, which was brought to our notice in 1875 by Dr. Ed. Lefavre, of Paris, formerly of Montreal. On the calcareous plains of central France the people are taller, of light complexion, with blue or grayish-blue eyes, and having fine teeth; while in the upland areas of a granitic formation, the