

## CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the CANADA LANCET.

Dear Sir,—Permit me to ask whether it is in accordance, or consistent, with the ethics and dignity of the medical profession for parties to advertize and hang up in Post Offices, Waiting Rooms, and other places of public resort, such cards as the following, which I copied as it hung before me; verbatim dimensions 12x10, or more, and in large type, reading thus:

R. TRACY, M. D.,

Physician and Surgeon, Belleville.

*Special Attention given to diseases of Women and Children.*

Office hours, 9 to 5. Residence, etc.

Now, sir, it may be my ignorance of things *medical* in Canada, or I may haply be hyper-critical, or may-be the medical fraternity of Belleville have, and observe, no ethics at all; but in England—and I presume you consider the Canadian a branch of the British medical profession—we consider all such clap-trap modes of advertising as *infra dig.* and scout all those practising such as alike unworthy the respect of the faculty, or the public, meeting besides, as they deserve, the castigation of the medical press.

To say the least, sir, it is setting a very bad example, besides establishing a precedent. And on this matter I have the honour to remain,

Yours enquiringly,

AN ENGLISH MEDICAL PRACTITIONER.

[We have also received several notes and extracts calling our attention to other instances of quackery; one in reference to a man in the County of Grey, who is practising without any license whatever, and another in reference to an Eclectic practitioner, in the County of Simcoe, who styles himself the *great physician*, and who is in the habit of issuing placards and large posters, in which he says, among other things, he will warrant a perfect cure in falling of the womb, *cancer, rheumatism*, etc.

With the former we have nothing to do; the law should meet his case. The latter is a legalized practitioner who has disgraced the profession, and who should be held up to public scorn and indignation. We fear, however, that remonstrance would be of no avail in his case, and the game would not be worth the powder.

We would like to see a clause incorporated in our Medical Act which would meet such cases as the above, giving the Council power to cancel the licence of any practitioner who disgraces the profession by such disreputable tricks.]