

you inclined to sympathise with those poor unfortunate creatures vulgarly styled "mumskulls."

"For kindred souls a kindred passion feels."

I admire your magnanimity, but heartily do I despise the principles of it. A "quack" is indeed an object of pity; but much more compassionate is the situation of a man, languishing upon a bed of sickness and disease, who is tormented by a despicable charlatan; and all because, according to your spurious reasoning, forsooth, he is a miserable, ignorant, wight, and must have a living!

You assert that I am anxious of "interesting the public in behalf of myself and associates," by insinuating that you desire to injure the reputation of the founders and promoters of the hospital. Seriously now, sir, have you not endeavoured to bring obloquy and disgrace upon them, by censuring their judgments in electing the overseers and officers? As well might you meet a man in the street, and, after knocking him down with your cane, say to him, "why, sir, I beg your pardon, I had no intention of injuring you; I only did it for the good of the public!"*

I shall now have done with you for the present, and subscribe myself,
Your most obedient

PHINEAS.

The metaphor here used of a man knocking another down in the street with his cane, and afterwards telling him he did it for the good of the public, is the precise case of a libel, prosecuted by indictment; the defendant has only in that case to prove that it actually was "for the good of the public," and he must be acquitted, without reference to the injury sustained by the other. Prosecution for a libel by a civil suit for recovery of damages is a very different thing. I have endeavoured to set this question, in a new, and I trust a clear and convincing, light in another place. (See Scribbler, Nos. 82, 97, 99, 103, 105 and 106.)

L. L. M.

* I trust the learned counsellor from whom I have borrowed this metaphor, and who very ingeniously introduced it in a late case, (T vs B. et. al.) to the no small amusement of a crowded court, will excuse me for so doing.

PHINEAS.

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Quebec, July 7.

A correspondent in Sherbrooke writes the following under date of July 2nd:

"It is with great pleasure I announce the arrival in this place of Mr. Justice Fletcher to organize the Court lately constituted."