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No one can truly affirm that the Medical profession is a “baseless fabric,” for so long as the substantial *foundation* of popular ignorance remains, and the *corner-stone* of parliamentary ignorance is undisturbed, what more could be desired by the most selfish and unscrupulous of monopolists?

## TESTIMONY.

Dr. John Forbes, (F. R. S., F. G. S., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in London, Editor of the British and Foreign Medical Review, or Quarterly Journal of Practical Medicine and Surgery, Physician Ordinary and Extraordinary to Princes, Hospitals, etc., and Member of almost all the Medical Societies in Europe,) after drawing a close comparison between Homœopathy and Allopathy, says:—(Young Physic, page 98.)—“The most important inferences unfavorable to Allopathy are:—1. That in a large proportion of the cases treated by Allopathic physicians, the disease is cured by nature and not by them. 2. That, in a lesser, but still not a small proportion, the disease is cured by nature in spite of them. 3. That, in a considerable proportion of diseases, it would fare as well or better, with patients, in the actual condition of the medical art, if all remedies, at least all active remedies, especially drugs, were abandoned.”

Dr. W. Henderson, Professor of Medicine and General Pathology, in the University of Edinburg, in 1847, says:—“Some 80 or 90 per cent. of the patients who employ medical practitioners, would be better off without them.”—(Young Physic, page 94.)

Probably Canadians have no lesson to learn from the neighboring States more important than that which relates to the mode of dealing with the representatives of the healing art, adopted across the line. Any person can recover a debt contracted for advice or medicine in the States; consequently, any one is at liberty to undertake the art of healing, who can furnish evidence of the possession of some capacity of that kind. They who may have lost three children from croup, or from diphtheria, and have two survivors endangered by it, instead of blindly relying on a *degree* given to the man who could not save their children, will necessarily seek a man who can, whether he be an adherent of the old wives' fables taught in colleges, or not.