

Phrenological Experiences.

Of all the vocations in which a man may obtain an infallible view of human nature, that of a phrenologist is pre-eminently the sphere. We have heard of a pugnacious professor declaring (we need not say, in total ignorance of the subject) that the science of phrenology is all a humbug, and we have also heard of the same gentleman submitting to an examination when surrounded by his co-professors, in this city, which led to considerable laughter amongst the staff, on account of the accuracy with which the character was delineated, and that by a man who was an entire stranger to his person and character. A PRACTICAL COMMENT on the defectiveness of the received education of the day, such an incident is worthy of reflection. A PRACTICAL COMMENT on the defectiveness of medical education is afforded by a visit to the Asylum for the Insane, of the same phrenologist who examined the professor.

In going through the wards, the first patient the phrenologist examined, was sitting, sheltered by a coal-scuttle bonnet, reading the Bible; he pronounced that she would destroy, and even murder if she had a chance, and yet be religious in her way, without any desire to deceive. The phrenologist made a similar remark with regard to a male patient, whom he saw in the wards, and in each case his judgment was confirmed by the attendant physician; the lady had reduced her husband to mince-meat, and the man was confined for life on the ground of having committed murder. The practical bearing of phrenology cannot fail to be of the utmost importance to parents and guardians in determining the aptitude or otherwise of those committed to their care, for any particular vocation, and one cannot too urgently insist on the science being brought to bear on all nurses and aspirants to the medical profession; we should, in such cases, have some guarantee that a nurse or doctor had not chosen their respective vocations for the mere purpose of gaining money. The "experiences" recorded above are those of MR. MASON, of 12 Queen Street West, Toronto.

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