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ABOUT POPULAR EDUCATION AND THE REASONS FOR IT.*

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The paper read by Dr. Martin is an admirable one and timely. In Toronto and elsewhere, no doubt, the time has come to make a move in the direction indicated, and the Toronto men ought to be the pioneers. Here we suffer first and all the time. There is no manner of use in appealing to the ethical nature of men who advertise the superiority of their professional attainments and boast of secret methods only known to themselves in the most immodest and flagrant manner. These methods of flaunting hypocrisy and immorality are the life substance of their professional existence. They can't live without it. It is a necessity with them or they would not be doing it. If a man is a success, would he have any need of saying that he is the only living specimen of "a howling success" in any line, or that he possesses secrets not open to any other scientific experimenter, and expect a discerning public to believe such consummate trash in this age of advanced thought? Such men can't be successful for long. The better class of reasonable thinking people are not caught, but the ignorant are; and herein is the course of duty laid out for us.

Our duty is to organize and to teach this class of the community wherein their interest is at stake, and how to protect themselves from such immoral and fraudulent impostures. Take the unwary and ignorant public into our confidence, as it were, and teach them how to avoid the net placed before them and into which they are

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