

manner as they shall deem most proper for the interests of the College.

XVI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to prevent or prohibit any competent female from practising midwifery in Upper Canada, such female proving her competency before any two members of the College of Physicians and Surgeons and obtaining their certificate to that effect.

XVII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be a Public Act, and taken and received as such in all Courts of Justice, and by all (7.) persons in this Province.

7. Let no man escape! Cause the knowing farmer, or mechanic, as he is hurried away at midnight, to drive the agonies of disease from the couch of an afflicted neighbor, whom *experience* has taught to confide in his skill. Cause! Yes! Cause him and every other good Samaritan who dares to venture out on such a mission to hear clanking around his ears, the *lank, bony* fingers of the Medical Inquisition. Let him, when about to administer the healing balm, enjoin secrecy upon every soul! Let him place watchers at the doors, and windows, to give the alarm on the approach of man lest a spy should witness the uprooting of disease, or a friend be rendered liable to be summoned as a convicting witness! Is such a state of things to be tolerated? Have we escaped from the gory clutches of an ecclesiastical Inquisition, to be plunged into all the horrors of one of a *Medical* character? Have we succeeded by a deadly struggle of ages, in tearing and rending from spiritual Doctors, the acknowledgement that we have a right to adopt whatever means we choose in seeking the cure of our souls—have we succeeded in this, to be now denied the same right in seeking the cure of our bodies? Have we obtained the greater, to be denied the less? Have we obtained the management of our souls, to have our bodies managed for us?—That none may say we shrink from carrying out this analogy—single handed, we challenge THE Medical profession, of Canada” to produce a solitary logical argument in favor of their inquisition, which

cannot be urged with *tenfold* more show of reason, in favor of its ecclesiastical prototype! Being of the people we stand for the people's rights. If we have no right to judge for ourselves in relation to the philosophy or the *means* of health; let THE Medical profession show it.—They shall be welcome to the pages of this Magazine through which to publicly demonstrate their position to the extent of one fourth of each number, and we pledge ourselves to use only page for page in responding to their arguments. With us, this is a question of vital importance, involving rights which we may not tamely surrender, rights, which we rank, in importance, next to *health* and its advantages. Let none, therefore, accuse us of enthusiasm, for no zeal, however ardent, can soar above the magnitude and importance of our theme.

### A “REGULAR” DIALOGUE.

*Hippocrates.* “The Father of the healing Art.”—Gentlemen, my observation and experience convince me that it is our duty to watch the operations and indications of Nature, to aid her whenever we can, but rather do nothing than to oppose her.

*Galen.*—Yes, so think I; and I believe there are a multitude of remedies which may be applied with great advantage—indeed the vegetable kingdom abounds with them; but mercury, which I learn is talked of as a medicine, is a poison, and, as such, ought not to be given to cure disease.

*Peracelsus.*—I have seen some wonderful effects produced on the systems by the use of poisons; and, for my part, I intend to try various articles of the kind; I believe they can be used to advantage, at least to the fame and purse of the practitioner.

*Boerhaave.*—I have examined the subject pretty thoroughly, and think the best plan is to “keep the feet warm, the head cool, and the body open, and reject all physicians.”

*Lieutaud.*—I have studied the whole subject too, and I find it “so difficult to separate the useful from the trivial, that I shall cast it all aside, and make new observations, out of which to form a sounder theory.”

*Abercrombie.*—Gentlemen, we might as well confess the whole truth as not, that our whole pretended science is but a system of guessing, the art of conjecture, mere learned quackery.—