

of his having deserted it to come to this city, the amount of his professional "experience" may be most accurately gauged. But although deficient in medical experience, we think that he is experienced enough to know, like Tumblety, that the large mass of the people like to be duped. Having learned when at College the proneness of mankind to suffer deception, but only when sick, and taking advantage of that infirmity of the public mind, which induces sick men like drowning ones to catch at straws, he seizes his opportunity, and believing that among a population of 100,000 inhabitants, there must be many who will cheerfully part with their money upon the merest pretence, he has laid his traps accordingly, and awaits the results.

"The pleasure is as great
Of being cheated as to cheat."

As a graduate of McGill College, and the first who has prostituted its degree, we should like to ask Dr. N. Loverin, how such practices as he is pursuing comport with the solemn affirmation which he made in graduating that "*artem medicam caute, caste et probe exercitaturum*."

The foregoing remarks are made far more in sorrow than in anger. We noticed some time ago that one of our evening daily papers alluded to his yellow placards in fitting terms of condemnation, and we imagined that a reproof from such a quarter would have been condemnation enough; but the offence is still repeated in defiance of enlightened public opinion, and we can only say, that we regret extremely, that the Diploma of the McGill College has been so very unworthily bestowed, or that it should have been disgraced in the hands of any of its holders. This however is we believe the first instance, and it should now become a question (if indeed the Governor's have not now the power), to dispossess a graduate of honors of which he does not appreciate the value, or, if he does, only to prostitute. In the September number of this Journal we took occasion to notice the proceedings of the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland framed to meet cases like that of Loverin's. The resolution was adopted that "neither shall they nor any of them (the licentiates) seek for business through the medium of advertisements, or by any other disreputable method," and it compels the individual obtaining the licence to subscribe his name to a submission to the infliction of penalties in the event of his contravening it. If Loverin's disgraceful conduct is the first among our Licentiates, it may not be the last, and the question is not unworthy entertainment not only by McGill College, but by the other Universities and Colleges in Canada, whether the adoption of a like resolution might not prove of equal benefit in Canada, to repress and punish such transparent attempts at quackery, based upon their diplomas or degrees. The law enables us, under certain restrictions, to punish an unlicensed quackery, but it is unfortunately powerless to punish one who deserves it in a far higher degree, viz. him who is licensed, and who unable to secure an honest livelihood by the practice of his profession in an honourable and legitimate manner, avails himself of the immunities which he has secured, to descend to every low species of charlatanism, thus obtaining through the credulity of the sick what he could not obtain by the operation of their sound judgment.