

But Christian Scientists grow old and die. They die, too, of consumption, cancer, Bright's disease, during confinement, etc., as do those who are not of their faith. It does seem a most astounding frame of mind for anyone to be in not to be able to recognize that he has a thigh bone and that it may be broken. Erysipelas of the face is a delusion of the mind.

When a Christian Scientist tells us "therefore, one's health can no more be destroyed or impaired than can God Himself," we are on the very verge of the precipice, to fall over which would be to light in an asylum for the insane. We think that the medical profession should pay more attention to the foolish and dangerous teachings of the Christian Scientists. It is not well that these crude views should go unchallenged.

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#### HOSPITAL PATIENTS AND MEDICAL FEES.

From time to time we read of actions instituted by medical practitioners to recover fees for attendance on patients who had received attendance while they were inmates of a hospital and occupied a private ward. In other words were not in any sense pauper patients.

The distinction is not very clear to the lay mind, and here we include with all respect the legal and judicial mind. It has been repeatedly held in court that when a party pays the hospital fees he is clear, unless it was made clear to him that these did not cover his medical and surgical attendance. Those who give their services to hospital patients must protect themselves against imposition by designing patients.

A few days ago Dr. B. E. McKenzie sued a man for \$350 for attendance. Judgment was given against Dr. McKenzie because of the fact that there was a doubt as to whether the patient did not believe that the hospital fees covered all.

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#### DOCTORS IN THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

The medical profession did well in the recent Ontario general elections, and secured eleven seats out of the 106. This means about one doctor in the Legislature for every 340 practitioners. The basis of population for a member is 20,000.