

## THE PROFESSION IN ONTARIO.

We observe that the Homœopathic and Eclectic body of practitioners in Ontario, have applied to the Local Legislature of that Province, for an act of incorporation, giving them powers separate and distinct from the Ontario Medical Act, under which they have been admitted into the profession, on equal terms with those practitioners of Medicine who hold degrees or diplomas from our Universities, and some of the Colleges of Great Britain.

We have always opposed this unholy alliance. At the time of the passing of the Ontario Medical Act, we pointed out how degrading it was to the profession in Ontario to be in any way connected with irregular practitioners. We must say that it is a suitable retribution for wrong doing, the abandoning on the part of the Homœopaths and Eclectics their association with the regulars. In fact we présume they found the connection irksome—although according to the *Canada Lancet*, every concession was made. They were earnestly desired not to be malcontent, and yet they have severed the bond of union.

We congratulate the Profession of Ontario on having the semblance at least of freedom from their former contamination, and we trust it will be long ere they submit to be again connected with irregular practitioners.

We cannot believe that the Legislature will pass the Bill. In its present form, it is a gratuitous insult to the Profession, and will lower the standard of Medical Education in Ontario, which is bad enough already.

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We regret to learn that Dr. F. J. Austin, a Graduate of McGill University, who has been practicing in Sherbrooke in partnership with Dr. Worthington, since the beginning of 1868, has been obliged, owing to ill health, to go to Colorado for the winter months.