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*Remarks on the late case of Accidental Poisoning at Quebec.* By A. HALL, M.D.; Professor of Midwifery, McGill University; Honorary Fellow of the Obstetrical Society of London, &c., &c.

Accidental poisoning by apothecaries is fortunately a matter of rare occurrence in Canada, and this the result generally of the care with which their establishments are usually conducted. To this fact, so far as the city of Montreal is concerned, I cheerfully bear witness; but to suppose apothecaries generally immaculate, as regards their incapacity of perpetrating a mistake, is to suppose an absurdity. *Humanum est errare.* The frailty of human nature is proverbial; and when an unintentional error has been committed, Christian charity should throw its veil over the transaction. The lamentable accident which occurred at the close of the last month in Quebec, and the difficulty which apparently existed in determining the nature of the poison, which was undoubtedly taken, have suggested the following observations which are here given, not by way of fault-finding, but for the simple purpose of elucidating the truth, if possible. It is admitted that obscurity hangs over the whole case, but I do not believe it altogether unsusceptible of a proper analysis.

On the 28th December, three young gentlemen, Messrs Murney, Rankin, and Scott, left Russell's Hotel, at Quebec, to pay a morning visit, after having spent the preceding evening at a social party. It was suggested to call at Sturton's (Apothecaries) shop to get a tonic. This order—one apparently well understood as to its composition and intended effect—was prepared by young Mr. Sturton, the apothecary in charge, and should have contained tincture of cardamoms, tincture of cinchona, with tincture of ginger, and a little aromatic spirits of ammonia and syrup. Messrs. Rankin and Scott took the draught as presented to them;