

friend John," said Joseph, "it is the love of *cash* that sways thee." "I tell thee, friend Joseph," replied John, "it is the love of *notoriety* that prompts thee." The members and the Fellow of a Royal College of Surgeons, who figure in the above list (the others are illegal practitioners, and therefore unworthy of further notice), having failed to gain *the loves*—i. e., *notoriety* and *cash*—of our two Quakers, by the aid of legitimate medicine, appear to have been stimulated to offer themselves up, for the purpose of securing their, on the shrine of Homœopathy.

*Attending Families by Contract.*—This is a practice which obtains, in some places, and is productive of very considerable evil. It is calculated to produce a cheapening of the services of physicians, which must react upon the employer, in the form of neglected patients and deficient attention. A wrong relation is established between the employer and the physician, detrimental to the interest of both. This custom should be universally reprobated, and to make it more certain, every respectable medical society should condemn it expressly. The following remarks from the St. Louis *Probe* are to the point:—

"The plan of attending families by the year is dictated by a trading, mercenary spirit, unworthy of members of a dignified profession. It has too much the air of pelf about it, and should at once be abandoned. It may suit the dealer in matches, the butcher, or the iceman, but is clearly out of place among physicians. We are glad to hear that notwithstanding the efforts of some members to have it recognized by the Medical Society, that respectable body unhesitatingly condemned it."—*Western Lancet*.

*Colored Students in the Medical College.*—We understand that the Medical Faculty of Harvard University have signified their intention to exclude *colored men* from their classes hereafter.—Although it is highly desirable that colored men should be properly qualified to act as physicians in the flourishing colony of blacks at Liberia, it is doubtless considered by the faculty inexpedient to admit them into our public schools of medicine.—*Boston Med. Jour.*

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### CANADIAN ECLECTIC MEDICAL SOCIETY.

"How fluent nonsense trickles from his tongue!  
How sweet the periods neither said nor sung!"

The Canadian Eclectic Medical Society, alias the Thompsonians, appear to be in the field, as respects an incorporation for their sect, and have thrown out, as a skirmisher, the following Address to the Governor General, in advance of their main body, which will subsequently appear in their appeal to the Legislative Assembly, endorsed, as a matter of course, by some thousands of signatures, collected from all parts of the Province, among which, as usual, we will find the names of Ministers, J. P's. et *id genus omne*. The Address, most speciously worded, yet teeming with absurdities from beginning to end, comes in as a set off to the letter of *Dr. Lawson*, (one of this body,) of St. Catharines, published in the March number of our last volume; and bears internal evidence of being the composition of Robert Dick, editor of the *Unfettered Canadian*, a gentleman of considerable ability, who, up to the period of his joining the Thompsonian ranks, was a Preacher at Brockville, and a school-master in that city. His talents appear remarkably versatile. What his profession was, before he became a Preacher, we know not; but not only has he changed his profession, but he appears also to have changed his local habitation; for, commencing his Thompsonian career at Brockville, he is now pursuing it at Toronto. Nor does here appear to be an iota more stability in his bantering society, than in himself, or his place of residence—for it commenced under the name of the Thompsonian Medical Reform Association, at