

to the effect that any person calling himself a Dr., who has not been licensed by them, shall pay a fine of *five pounds*! Any licensed Midwife who shall presume to prescribe medicine for the mother or child, £2 10 0!! Any druggist who shall sell to any person a drug prescribed by himself in any way, or *INSINUATE* that such or such medicine may do an individual good, shall be fined *FIVE POUNDS*!!

In the Temperance cause I am with you heart and soul. I have no material objections to the constitution of the Thompsonian Society as published. In our society we contemplate giving diplomas to practitioners of three years standing. We shall meet in about ten days to effect a more efficient organization, when the subject of your valuable little paper will be taken into consideration. Address your petitions &c., to B. FLINT, M. P. P.

I am, Dear Sir, Yours, Respectfully,  
S. GREGORY.

BROCKVILLE, Feb. 23, 1849.

B. FLINT, M. P. :

We hand the accompanying petition to you as chairman of the committee appointed to report on this class of petitions. By devoting our attention to it, we could soon obtain thousands of signatures to this form of petition—these we have obtained during a few evening calls, after closing the exercises of the Academy. Other petitions are in circulation from which you will hear soon.

We wish it to be distinctly understood that we have no objections to the incorporations of the M. Drs., provided such act of incorporation does not encroach on Medical toleration any further, than the incorporation of Victoria College encroaches on our Religious Liberty—indeed, we are decidedly in favor of the incorporation of each system of Medical practice, giving each an open field for honorable competition, rendering all practitioners equally liable to prosecutions for mal-treatment, especially in all those cases wherein it can be shown, that the medical attendant claimed the right of dictating to the patient, or of withholding from him any information sought in relation to the nature of the disease, or of the means employed in its removal, or perpetrated any act of deception in relation to the nature of the medicine, or of the philosophy of its action in the uprooting of the disease; as also in all those cases in which the patient resigns himself passively to the treatment of any individual, that individual, at the same time, consent-

ing to act as physician under such circumstances, in all these cases let the administrator of medicine be liable for prosecutions for mal-practice, and the people will be infinitely better protected against quacks, than by proscribing all others, and allowing the M. D.'s to do as they please in withholding from their patients the philosophy of their treatment, which constitutes, as all must admit, the very essence of quackery, its refuge and strong tower of defence, in which the monster conceals its serpent coil when assailed, and from which it sallies forth to add insult to injury, when it can be done with impunity; as illustrated in a recent case. An M. D. in Upper Canada was asked by his patient to give some explanation of his treatment, which was responded to by the gross insult, that he (the Dr.) did not wish to make his patient a quack! The repetition of such insolent impertinence would be kept in check by rendering the practice of such medical gentlemen subject at all times to the searching scrutiny of a legal investigation. Did not wish to make his patient a quack! And so the patient must swallow, without asking what he swallows, or whom he swallows! Poor creature, if he knew, he would be a QUACK! "TELL IT NOT IN GATH!"

In the Cause of Humanity,  
Your obedient servant,  
ROBERT DICK.

### DUELING IN PARLIAMENT.

MONTREAL, 20th Feb'y, 1849.

DEAR SIR:—I have just been looking into the copy of the *Unfettered Canadian* sent me. I am much pleased with it. Put my name on your subscription list.

Some of our members have been challenging each other. It is determined to bring in a bill against duelling. Could you give any information on the subject, as to the origin and effects of the practice, and the best means to suppress it?

Yours truly,

BROCKVILLE, March 6th, 1849.

DEAR SIR:—Since the receipt of your communication, I have devoted every minute I could spare to the subject of your inquiries. In this research I have been stimulated by the interest which I feel in the subject itself, as well as by the pleasure which I experience in responding to your wishes.

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