

his patient, the country would soon be rid of quackery; physicians would be scarce, and the public greatly relieved from their impositions. They would die like maniacs, by their own hands.

The above remarks can only apply to such physicians as are guilty of the practice there stated. We know of no Botanic physicians that would come under those observations.—They unhesitatingly resort to those simple and safe means they prescribe for their patients, and would doubtless be willing to bind themselves, to be confined to such medicines in the hour of sickness and distress, being convinced that they will do no harm, if no good—and of their efficacy in the cure of disease.—*Botanic Luminary.*

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We have lost time in the publication of this issue, which we very much regret. For the causes of delay, we refer our readers to the apology on the cover, which, we doubt not, will be received by all as perfectly satisfactory.

### OUR PROSPECTS

Are highly animating. The names of more than four hundred subscribers added to our list, in one month, demonstrate the depth of interest felt in the merits of our controversy with every system of medical monopoly.

### OUR FIELD OF ACTION

Is as extensive as Canada West, in every nook and corner of which we find the true, the tried friends of the principles we advocate, ready to hail our little pioneer with thankfulness. The yeomanry of Canada are awake, and ready for immediate action on the deeply important questions at issue. Nor can the decision long remain problematical. The voice of the people will be heard, as that of "*many waters*," asserting the right of life, under the title-deed of Heaven; and, in the name of humanity, demanding the re-

peal of every enactment that withholds or limits the supply of the means of life, or which presumes to interfere between man and his God as to what means of health he shall employ when assailed by disease. The grand struggle will soon be fairly joined, by the organization of our Provincial Society. Let the field of action be alive with energy; let it be fully represented in the Kingston Convention; let another seal be added to the truth, that the days of monopoly are numbered.

### WITH WHOM WE CONTEND.

Not with the whole family of licensed Doctors, for many of them are fully with us, demanding every feature of medical toleration which humanity can claim. Such we cordially hail as enlightened freemen, and hope they will ever be at perfect liberty to attend such as have confidence in them; and we pledge ourselves to defend them against the enactment of any law that would degrade them, and stamp their acts with the humiliating seal of legal reprobation, by denying them all legal claim to remuneration for their services—threatening them with heavy fines, and with imprisonments, if they dare to intimate such a claim. Our contest is not with these, but with that clique of the family who secured the enactment of such laws against all Botanic and other Physicians not licensed by them, although enjoying the confidence and approbation of thousands of the people—a clique which, not satisfied with having thus disgraced and insulted both them and the thousands of enlightened freemen who have been constrained, against all their prejudices, to confide in them, dared to propose and advocate, in the last session of Parliament, the enactment of *positive prohibitory penalties* against every form of medication conflicting with their interests. Against this clique we contend, till medical toleration is the law of Canada.