

against it, the practice of inoculation with variolous matter still largely obtains in many of our country parishes, performed however we believe exclusively by women. Why do not the medical men practising in such neighbourhoods, and to whom such practises must be known, secure a conviction or two under the Act? Such a practice will never be put down until such an event occurs, and every one who does not desire the spread of such a disease, should use his utmost exertions to secure one.

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#### THE ILLEGAL PRACTICE OF MEDICINE AND MIDWIFERY.

Our attention has been drawn to a partially anonymous correspondence which has taken place between two writers who, in the *Montréal Gazette* have signed themselves "Truth," and "A Friend of Right," and Dr. Trudel in defence, relating to the Lady nuns of the Lying in Hospital called the "Ste. Pélagie," whose proceedings were challenged as contravening the Law, by practising both medicine and midwifery without having been authorized in accordance with the Parliamentary Act, 10 & 11 Vict., c. 26. A great deal may be urged in favour of the Ladies alluded to, and no one could call in question that boundless charity and kindness for which their whole demeanour has been conspicuous. Yet, as we cannot but take the legal view of their proceedings, however charitably inclined, to which the writing of "A Friend of Right" directs us, we cannot but say, that they have placed themselves in a position so equivocal, that nothing but their own innate and well-known kindness of heart could palliate, and their ignorance of the law excuse. Nevertheless it is proper that they should know that they have transgressed the law, however unwittingly on their part, and we feel persuaded, from our knowledge of the disposition of these Ladies, that they would be the last to do so knowingly.

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#### THE MEDICAL AND SURGICAL REPORTER.

We have to apologize to our esteemed contemporary, for the non-creditment to it of the article on "Narcotics" published in our last issue. The fault was in truth not ours, as we have had the greatest trouble in getting the compositors to acknowledge the sources of their extracts. This one must have passed through some inadvertence. The fact of its appearance in our Periscope, however, shewed that it was not original.

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#### EDITORIAL SUMMARY.

*A Patriarch.*—In Chinguacousy, C.W., on the 18th ult., Thomas Young, Esq., aged 58 years, leaving a wife, 15 children, 70 grandchildren, and 23 great grandchildren.

*The Queen of Madagascar* died recently of cancer, which had reappeared after an operation performed three months previously.