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Our legislative carpenters, when constructing the medical manger, grossly and grievously miscalculated its size; hence the limited number of dogs which it contains are continually barking at those without; these hapless animals. "cribbed, cabined, and confined" as they are by parliamentary enactment, find themselves largely incompetent to grapple with the ills which flesh inherits, and occupy their ample leisure by imitating a certain web-footed bird, and crying "quack" all round, except at their incompetent fellows. An illustration of this, most detrimental, as regards the welfare of the community, is subjoined; A gentleman who has *proved* his exceptional power to cure, in hundreds of cases in Toronto, has recently come within the grip of these medical dogs; he cures by means of homœopathy, and has obtained his degree from a homœopathic college in the States; he presented himself for examination two successive years, in this city and obtained about three times the number of marks required in order to pass; but the occupants of the manger barked, of course, and have succeeded in hounding him out of the country. *for the present*; whenever the legislative carpenters may repair the manger, we will hope that they will have sufficient consideration, at least for the city in which they assemble, to empower Mr. Inspector Awde to attach a collar and badge to the necks of these gentlemen, that the unsophisticated public may learn to shun them as they would hydrophobia. When they see the collar and badge on their necks, they will say to themselves, "fifteen grains of mercury!" and will govern themselves accordingly.

MEDICAL SALVATION ARMY.

The subjoined letter has not, so far as the Editor is aware, hitherto been published; it is published now without the knowledge of the gentleman to whom it was addressed. The circumstance of it having been indited by the Editor, while cross-examining the signatory thereof, accounts for it being in his possession.

To Mr. T. J. MASON :

OSPRINGE, 23rd February, 1881.

DEAR SIR,—If any case of restoration from a condition of powerlessness deserve to be recorded, I think it is my own. When I was twelve years of age, I seriously injured my back by falling from a swing. About six months afterwards, I lost the use of my lower limbs; they were so rigid, that no one could bend them, and so insensible to pain, that I have often stuck a pin into them without feeling it. I kept my bed in the above-named condition for eighteen conse-