

faithfully keeps his contract!—can use the press for his purpose, *if he pays for it.*

Once upon a time the medical and dental impostor, and the miserable brute who makes drunkards, could not advertise outside of the legitimate advertising columns. But now we see them ingeniously sandwiched between religious and other respectable advertisements. If the press to-day is the editorial guardian of public morals, it is frequently the advertising abettor of public shame.

It is not hard to explain why there are so many gullible people in a community where the press is conducted upon such principles. We have, in years gone by, advocated fair and open warfare against all impostures, putting to public and professional test the pretensions of the physicians and dentists who profess to perform miracles on dead bones; the use of the schools, of the rostrum, and of the press, to expose these ever-flowing fabrications. The public get no ken from lights hidden under bushels. Quacks, like thieves, hate the light. Do we not do injustice to the public as well as the profession, in giving these rascals their own undisputed way?

THE SILENT MEMBERS.

We are not all gifted with the power of expression by tongue or pen, and many of the best men in our ranks are those who think with Cato, that "The post of honor is the private station." To get men of action who are also men of thought; active workers who are wise thinkers, courage with discretion, scrupulous truth-tellers with broad-minded charity—surely these be characteristics which should commend their owners to public and professional consideration. Official life is apt to reveal the lowest characteristics, especially in the Province of Quebec, where intrigue has become a part of political science, and duplicity never a reproach unless it is discovered. Do the best the best men can do, and unless they can defeat the strategy of the intriguer, by that straightforward honesty which sometimes puts the crafty to rout, underhand intrigue becomes like one of the statutes of the land—a thing to be defended however much it may be assailed. A great duty lies within the scope of the quiet and unobtrusive men, who, because they are never heard from, fancy they have no influence. There are many who have never attended the meetings of the associations. They hate to talk, and they hate even to listen—