

THE MEDICAL SALVATION ARMY.

The host above designated merits a greater share of attention than has been accorded to the quasi-spiritual army, inasmuch as, be the "*thoughts*" of their neighbors "free" or enslaved, their bodies are equally susceptible to every ill that flesh inherits; the officers of the medical army moreover, and even the private soldiers, will be found worthy of being gazetted. Had that legislative assembly which is paid by the people to protect them, not been recreant in regard to their duty, they would ere this, have granted commissions to this beneficent host, to operate in the interest of the people's health and lives, instead of upholding a monopoly for the benefit of persons whose vocation is mainly that of *undertakers*. Until the happy time arrive when they who have anything to communicate, with regard to preventing suffering, or prolonging life, may be authorized by Parliament, publicly to do so, the writer will constitute himself Honorary Registrar General of such communications, but as he is unlikely to allow this publication to become an advertiser, or to give his readers ground for such a supposition, he will publish *statements* on these subjects, which he believes to be correct, but which must be left to the public to verify—One such statement, by a General in the Medical Salvation Army is that diphtheria can be conquered in from two to five hours, and has been in hundreds of cases. Another is that fever can be subdued in twenty-four hours. A third statement is that dyspepsia and liver complaint can be cured in a week. A fourth, that lung diseases, in their second, or pulmonary stage, can be cured at all times. A fifth, that goiters will yield to treatment in from six to ten days: neuralgia in one to three, hemorrhage can be stopped at once, etc. If these things be so, and the gentleman who makes the affirmation has nothing to gain by it, apart from the proof which he offers to give, then we maintain that it is to the interest of the community that he should have an opportunity of publicly verifying his statements. Pooh-poohs, based on experience of inability to cure, must not be allowed to substitute fac-

PILLS FOR "THE PROFESSION."

There would appear to be somewhat of the nature of a spell attaching to the sum of \$600.00, for we entertain a lively recollection of a magisterial knave receiving that sum at the hands of certain publicans, in recognition of services rendered, and now we hear of a like sum being received by medical knaves, for a like consideration—a license to practice a vocation at the cost of the public weal.

The Chairman of the Board of Health of Toronto has repudiated from his chair, the uncommon gift styled common sense, and this is what is to be expected from a Professional career.

Toronto is favored with the presence of at least one physician, who has stated that the first ten years he was in practice, he regarded the profession of medicine as a humbug, but he believes that he can now point to cases in which he has been instrumental in saving life by the aid of medicine. Would you prefer to rely on his conviction of ten years' duration, gentle reader, or on his present belief?

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