

army of men who are doing business by giving "a quarter off," "tremendous bargains," "slaughter sale," or "cut rate tickets."

Nowhere is the medical profession "on the down grade" so much as in pandering to this influence, and left to their own impulses as they have been in the past, with no authoritative mandate on the subject, a certain class of physicians continue to transgress. The very worst feature of the whole affair is that they are nearly a unit in declaring against the practice, and believing it is subversive of the best interests of the profession, are willing to abandon it, but are deterred from doing so because some of their confreres are only watching the opportunity to slip into their shoes.

The following resolution was submitted to the Association of P. and S., Windsor, but is held in abeyance, pending some uniform action on the part of this association, or of the Medical Council, which will impair the standing and brand the transgressor as an unworthy member of the profession.

"Whereas this society has had under consideration for several months the question of lodge practice, and after considering it carefully, the following conclusion has been arrived at, viz. :

"That lodge practice, where an annual per capita contract is entered into for attendance on members, is subversive of the best interests of the medical profession and calculated to lower its dignity, as well as to deprive it of legitimate fees.

"Throughout the whole discussion on the subject no argument has been adduced to defend the practice, and inasmuch as all medical men in the city are financially victimized by it ;

"It is therefore resolved, that those whose names are under-signed agree, one with the other, to withdraw from lodge practice, and after their present contracts have expired we will not renew them under penalty of expulsion from this society."

Article VII. might be made to cover this point by the addition of a few sentences, and I would like to see a committee appointed before this meeting adjourns to deal with this and other subjects, the outgrowth of changed conditions, since the constitution was framed.

I wish in a few words to put myself on record as a volunteer in any well-considered movement which may be devised to protect the public against the incubus and modern octopus, "the proprietary chemical" manufacturer, *et hoc genus omne*. He has fastened himself on the profession, just as the quack advertisement has wound itself around the public.

The flood of literature poured into the doctor's office, calling attention to this and that "derivative" is appalling, and the prices charged are in many instances equal to the profit of highway robbery.