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PROFESSIONAL DEGENERACY.

We are progressing! Two medical men, supposedly in good standing in the profession, have joined with a number of laymen in establishing a long-felt want in our midst, an institution for the certain and speedy cure of consumption. The long-sought-for remedy which will be used in the institution has been discovered, and, according to the advertisements of the promoters, patented by a certain "celebrated" Dr. Ramage. When or how this gentleman obtained his celebrity we are not informed, except that he is a chemist for a large corporation in the United States. For all we know he may be in line with the "celebrated Professor Smith," phrenologist, and the "celebrated" Madam Jones, seventh daughter of a seventh daughter, types of celebrities commonly met with in newspaper advertisements. The announcement of this great discovery has been made with large headings in the lay press. We take it to be an advertisement paid for at so much a line, although inserted as reading matter, because we can scarcely believe that a newspaper of the standing of the *Toronto Globe* would, without investigation, endorse the claims of Dr. Ramage, who, no matter how great his reputation in Cleveland, which is set down as his home, is an entirely unknown personage in this backwoods district. Even with the *imprimatur* of Dr. Walker and Dr. J. H. Cotton, two local physicians, we do not think the *Globe* should take the idea at once to bosom as the solution of a problem in which many previously loud-heralded solutions have subsequently proved fallacious. The process adopted by the company which have acquired the patents (the patenting of the treatment is not mentioned by the *Globe*, but by another Toronto