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History notoriously repeats itself, and it is obvious that the “liberal and enlightened” Legislature of Ontario took a leaf out of the history of Spain, when it instituted the Medical Inquisition; it is a happy circumstance that the Inquisitors have substituted the pocket-screw for the thumbscrew and the rack; the practical result of this relaxation of discipline is, that any medical heretic who has been found guilty of curing by wholesale, after a heterodox fashion, may receive absolution, on undergoing the penance of attending a series of lectures, and paying a round sum in dollars.

LIFE OUT OF DEATH.

Every one who is capable of reflection will have recognized the fact that “life out of death” is a fundamental principle both in nature and in revealed truth; “Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.” John xii, 24. Familiar however as persons in civilized countries are, with the fact above indicated, they have not extensively learned to apply it to the mutual relation of doctor and patient, and we trust they may not yet conclude that the life of the doctor necessarily involves the death of the patient. The subjoined narrative must therefore be regarded as exceptional.

A lady who for fourteen years was the object of a medical man's solicitude, and who kept her bed throughout that period, survived her doctor; and strange to say, began to recover from the time that the doctor ceased to be: in six months time, she was able to walk abroad.

TESTIMONY.

Dr. GEORGE GREGORY—a standard medical authority—states that “In every view the doctrines of fever must be considered of paramount importance, and they constitute therefore, with great propriety, the foundation of all pathological reasoning.”

Dr. A. W. BARCLAY, M.D., Cantab. and Edin., F.R.C.P., Assistant Physician to St. George's Hospital, observes of this same “foundation,” that “The essential element of fever is so entirely beyond the reach of our present means of investigation, that its diagnosis is partially imperfect.” Dr. B. also admits that “accurate diagnostic signs scarcely exist in fever.”