

have often remarked, that persons of the greatest pretensions have the least brains—a fact which we leave to Phrenologists to explain. The Thompsonians are worse than the Homœopathists; the treatment of the former is active—that of the latter passive. Homœopathists *let* their patients die—the Thompsonians *kill* them outright, with their lobelia and their cayenne.

Dr. Lawson again.—Since the foregoing was written, another number of the St. Catharines *Constitutional* has been received by us, containing the following additional characteristic effusion from Dr. Lawson's pen. It is valuable, for more reasons than one. His receipt of \$1400 for one year's Thompsonian practice, is a striking commentary on the good sense of the people of St. Catharines, the surrounding country places, and the Legislature which permits it. It seems to be a fact, demonstrable from medical practice, more than from any other source, that there is no humbug so glaring but will meet with its votaries; no ignorance so great but will be overlooked; and that imposture, ignorance, and knavery, can all be concealed by the mask of self-vaunted pretension.

“Dr. Lawson takes the opportunity of relating a few things to the public, hoping it will be no offence to any one as Mr. Dr. Theophilus Mack wrote me a letter concerning young man which has fits and advising me a mixture to give him for fits which was entirely on the mineral practice which I at once refused to give my aid on the mineral system I myself being a botanical Physician and believe not in any mineral whatever to be used in cases of fits or in any other disease belonging to the human system. I also in answering his letter told him that I had examined the young man's pulse sometime ago and as far as my skill and practice consisted that the fits was often increased by the practice I alluded to in my letter to Dr. Mack but it appears by me addressing him in this manner he has taken it as an offence

and not as from a friend who wishes him success in this world as well as his own I also in the letter that I would cure the young man of the fits provided I was paid for my trouble as I had cured several persons which had fits for several years since I have been living in St. Catharines I am prepared to prove it at any time I am also prepared to prove that the young man acknowledges he is guilty of the very act which I stated was the cause of having fits and I ascertained by examining his pulse without asking him any question whatever. I do not think that Dr. Mack is competent by his study or skill to tell the pulse or urine any disease belonging to the human system without asking the patient questions, and I am prepared by a number of gentlemen and ladies in the town of St. Catharines that I have told their disease and every pain and misery that they have about their system without asking them a question at all by examination of the pulse and urine also and that is a thing which he has never been able to do and I am afraid he never will without he come and study me a few years or under some botanic physician of the same profession of which I am myself, he also speaks of me as being a quack or imposter, which ever you may chose to call it, now it is for the public to judge which of the two is the quack or imposer those who will perform the best of those cures for a moderate charge, or those that will charge a great price kill it or cure it is all the same with them, and for the further satisfaction of all I am willing to meet Mr. Dr. Mack, at the Town Hall of St. Catharines first and discuss this matter to public of gentlemen, but no ladies admitted, and from that to the City Hall of Toronto, and from that to the City Hall of New London where I would chose to speak before a board of Doctors, twelve of which must be mineral and twelve botanic doctors, there we would decide the question, and bring home tidings of great joy, as I have beat him first I can beat him last, for he has never been able to perform cures on fits and cancers that I have done since I have been in St. Catharines, and never will be unless he falls upon the plan which I have above mentioned without he come and study with me or with some other botanic doctor of the same profession, and the terms that I will meet him at the Town-hall is for