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ART. LIX.—*Quackery, Imposition and Deception.* By W. Marsden, M.D., Governor of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Lower Canada. Fellow of the London Medico-Botanical Society. Honorary Member of the Berkshire Medical Institution and Lyceum Natural History. Corresponding Fellow of the London Medical Society. Fellow of the Montreal Pathological Society, &c., &c.

Having constant evidence of your unswerving defence of the interests of the Medical profession, as well as those of the public, against the charlatantry of the licensed or unlicensed quack, I feel it a duty to both, to forward you the following details for publication in the British American Journal, with the view of giving them the widest possible circulation.

John Hossack, Esq., N.P. and J.P. of this city, one of our most respected and highly esteemed citizens, began to decline in health about two years since; his disease at last terminating in scirrhus of the rectum. Dr. Frémont, his family physician, having done every thing for his relief that science and humanity could suggest, and having pronounced the case incurable, I was consulted. On examination, which took place on the 20th of September, 1859, I found a carcinomatous tumour encircling the rectum, at a distance of about two inches from the sphincter ani, forming an annular stricture of the scirrhus form, the aperture of which, on the cis-aspect, did not exceed the diameter of $\frac{3}{16}$ ths of an inch. Having heard the history of the case, its invasion, sequence and treatment, which offered no unusual or remarkable feature, I communicated to the family of the patient my concurrence in the opinion of his attending physician, that the end of his earthly career would be only a matter of time; and with the object of protracting an inevitable result, to as remote a day as possible, I suggested the use of such means as would tend to healthy recreation and agreeable