

cured many friends of various ailments by the same means; one of these was a wealthy gentleman of Chicago, whose hand was so swollen, as the result of rheumatism, that the skin of every part was stretched to its utmost tension; the sufferer when recovered, offered to establish this electrician in Chicago, at a cost of some \$2,500; it is scarcely necessary to add that like most wealthy persons, this sufferer supposed he had had "the best advice;" at any rate he had paid as if he had.

This same gentleman was subsequently cured of bronchitis of five years' standing by the same means.

A case of white swelling of the knee of some years' standing, was likewise reduced by electrical means in five or six weeks. Severe cases of neuralgia, and sciatic rheumatism of two years' standing were entirely cured by means of electricity, as administered by the same gentleman. We may possibly, in view of such facts as the foregoing, embark on a pilgrimage, in quest of a doctor who is willing to learn.

DUTIES OF THE MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICER OF TORONTO.

With a prospect of \$1,500 per annum, with vaccination fees (the price of blood) and Government allowance, it is not surprising that we should hear of "a large number of applications for the position of Medical Health Officer;" Mr. Ald. Baxter's knowledge of the "goodness" of "a number of medical men" would probably be an interesting subject of investigation, whether the alderman's testimony relate to the spiritual excellence of these gentlemen (as regarded from the standard of the Queen Street Methodist Church) or to their professional skill; that according to *their own testimony*, they are qualified to discharge *all the duties* of the office, when one considers the prospect of emolument attaching thereto, can hardly be said to be surprising; that "*public vaccination*" should be *sated to be one of those duties, by the gentleman who has recently become so much opposed to vaccination as to tell his patients they must ask some one else to vaccinate their children, as he would not—this circumstance is one worthy of contemplation*; the spectacle of aldermanic thimble-riggers casting their medical dice for the behoof of the community, and knowing about as much of the principles, the practice, or the malpractice of their medical friends, as do the members of the legislature, and these honorable gentlemen knowing as much of the subject as do their boots—the docile public standing agape the while, in grateful admiration of the combination of legislative wisdom and the "craft" by which doctors and undertakers have "their gain,"—all this is confessedly instructive to contemplate! The subjoined groups of duties which may be expected to devolve on one of Mr. Ald. Baxter's "good medical men" at least possess the merit of being suggestive:—

1. Receiving complaints of nuisances, such as those arising from filthy or neglected premises, offensive trades, and many others too numerous to mention; investigating these, endeavouring to have them abated by the persons interested, and if necessary, setting other means in motion for that object; also inspecting in order to see that they have been abated.

2. Investigating complaints regarding defects in the plumbing and drainage of houses. Citizens can at the outset supply him with numerous instances where sickness and death have occurred from defects, such as direct communications between house and sewer, and sinks unprovided with drains discharging their contents under the floors. Very many such complaints will come to him, and will have to be investigated and remedied.

3. He will have to frame and see carried out regulations as to houses in course of erection, in accordance with the principles advocated in the Bill you recently presented to the Legislature (Sub. sec. 4 of sec. 1.)

4. He will have to co-operate with the City Commissioner in measures for keeping the city clean.