

the probable injury to themselves and positive injury to their usual medical attendant. The practitioners who treat disease as a rule by fresh infusive tinctures and extracts arrive at the most satisfactory results. Patent and proprietary medicines should never be prescribed by an orthodox practitioner. It is the boast of our art that nothing of benefit to mankind, which, in our researches is discovered shall be kept secret, on the contrary all discoveries are widely promulgated, so that their value may be accurately ascertained. With few exceptions these patent medicines are alone valuable, not for medicinal purposes, but as a means of enriching their proprietors, who shower them in an enticing form on a too easily gullible public. It is the duty of the medical man to discourage the use of all such remedies and the consumption of all proprietary and quack medicines.

THE Swiss authorities have determined to adhere to their recent regulation, and to compel all persons practising medicine in their Cantons to undergo a local examination. It is not too much to say that the luxuries enjoyed by the Swiss are largely supplied by the money left by travellers in their picturesque land, and that Great Britain furnishes by far the largest number of these, the sum spent annually by English tourists being computed at two million pounds sterling. Rightly or wrongly an Englishman requiring medical aid while in Switzerland does not care to place himself under the local medical practitioner, and prefers one of his own countrymen to attend him. For this practice alone, English medical men have fixed their abode in Switzerland, and to be now called upon to undergo a medical examination before a local board of Swiss examiners is unreasonable and vexatious. If English medical men settled in Switzerland to compete with Swiss practitioners in the treatment of their countrymen it would be another matter, but we opine, securing the Swiss people as patients did not enter into the calculations of those professional men, who as a rule, primarily, for health considerations, have

settled in that country. A simple way to bring these selfish mountaniers to book is for the Alpine climber and tourist to seek other fields, and, in the magnificent ranges of the Rockies is to be found scenery equalling the Swiss Alps; with peaks and glaciers which will try the boldest climber of the Alpine club; and while enjoying all that the mountain tourist eagerly seeks for, he will have the satisfaction of knowing that his money is spent among his own kindred people. It is now in the magnificent ocean steamers a mere pleasure trip across the Atlantic and the land travel in the luxurious Pullman's of the Canadian Pacific Railway, is divested of all fatigue. Let the British travelling public wend their way to the setting sun and enjoy a feast of scenery, which pen cannot adequately describe.

"SIFTINGS" ON DR. KERGAN.

We notice by our exchanges that this medical charlatan, has been hauled up before the police court on a charge of illegal practice. *Siftings* called attention to this medical side show once or twice before when the medical farce was in Winnipeg, but no notice was taken of the mountebanks, at the same time that if a respectable medical man from England or Ontario attempts to practice here without being registered he is pounced on at once, and brought before the police court. Why is this thus?—*Siftings*.

It is too true. The officials who receive professional monies for the express purpose of guarding the interests of the profession, namely the executive of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba, absolutely do nothing from years end to years end beyond collecting fees from legitimate practitioners, and, what becomes of these fees when once in their hands, no one outside of their very little coterie knows. One thing is certain not a penny is expended in the general interests of the medical profession; of individual interests we are not in a position to speak. We thank *Siftings* for this notice of the evil.—Ed.