

MEDICAL THOUGHTS, FACTS, FADS, FANCIES AND FABLES.

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Is osteopathy, which ranks as second place to Christian Science, but which has not its back bone—and recognized as among the modern cults, to displace and disgrace our noble profession, its disciples and the work of our honored and well established and endowed national universities—to be allowed a legitimate and legal standing in this enlightened age in this our province? When I consider the fact, duly noted in the public papers, that Major Craig, of East Wellington, has presented a petition from the Board of Trade of Mount Forest, praying that an institution of osteopathy there should be incorporated, my reflections are many, and my first view is: Does Major Craig, as M.P., consider he is in any sense advancing the best interests of medicine—if osteopathy is medicine? Will not the intelligence of the good people of Mount Forest and the M.D.'s. of the electoral district embracing the Wellingtons oppose such attempts? Is medicine so debased that an M. P.—in this our province—would and should seek to establish in the interests of a Board of Trade an institution for osteopathy? Is an osteopathy *institution, college or university*, whose work is that of graduating *Doctors* in osteopathy, to be allowed in this Province, where flourish the Toronto University, Western University and Queen's University, with medical faculties? If we—our Parliament—are to grant this Mount Forest request, Chiropractics, Vito-pathy, Christian Science and other modern and visionary cults, mad-nesses and delusions of crowds will attempt similar appeals for legislation.

To those who are ignorant of osteopathy and are indifferent to the attempts made by fakirs, under various namings and titles to hurt the medical profession, we would refer McKay's work, "Popular Delusions," as illustration that this progressive age is not silencing the work or ambition of the Iconoclast or Socialist in demolishing time honored institutions—even our universities, the pride of our country—and attempting to place within their sacred walls such mud gods as those named. The Emmanuel movement, encouraged by a few reverend gentlemen, who style themselves more frequently *Doctors* than *Rev. Doctors*, is in evidence, according to one writer of the degeneracy of the church's influence, such I fully endorse and also believe that