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THE ONTARIO PRECEDENT MATCHED.

In the June number of the RECORD we referred to the resolution of the Medical Association of Ontario condemnatory of the Order of Victorian Nurses, and expressing the opinion of that august body that such an organization would be "dangerous" to the life of the people of Canada. It would appear, however, from a recent experience in Missouri, that the Ontario doctors of the regular school enjoy no monopoly of the "guileless assumption" which enables them to deal in an off-hand manner with the opinions of those who are not in accord with them. *The Homœopathic Envoiy*, of Lancaster, Pa., thus tells the Missouri story:

"Out in Missouri the Governor appointed a homœopathic superintendent to the Fulton Asylum for the Insane. This appointment seems quite just to fair-minded citizens, inasmuch as there are asylums for the insane in the State where those who want their insane treated allopathically can be accommodated, and it is surely only fair that those who prefer homœopathic treatment for their afflicted should have that right without interference on the part of others who think differently. But the allopathic doctors cannot see it in this light, and the way they view Governor

Stephens' very just action can be seen in the 'resolutions' adopted by their central body at a meeting at Sedalia. They 'resolve' that the Governor's power is 'doubtful' and his use of it 'indiscreet;' that they (the allopaths) stand for 'true and genuine science,' while the homœopaths represent 'the infatuation of factional science and the hallucination of unscientific imagery;' that by this act the Governor has 'forfeited the respect of all lovers of science and humanity, as well as the impartial citizenship of the State,' and more of similar tenor. Now, we hold, this is not conceit, as may appear at first glance, but an innocent and confiding belief, based on their corner-stone, 'authority' that they, the allopaths, alone are in medical light and all else is in outer darkness. To be sure, all advancement of medicine has originated without the allopathic fold, or been fought within it with great ferocity, but this makes no difference to them, and indeed it may be doubted if they realize the fact so patent to all the rest of the world."

"The resolution then goes on to impeach the Governor's 'mental condition,' which is characteristic of the allopaths and quite logical with their premises, that none are sane in matters medical save themselves."

"It is an amusing set of resolutions, but a little sad, too, when we realize that a spirit so antagonistic to liberty of conscience and progress is at large. (It is also a very dangerous spirit to entrust with any exclusive power.)"

"As a postscriptum, the following 'fruits' of the two systems may not be malapropos.

INSANITY.

ALLOPATHIC.

Harrisburg, Pa.,	Asylum,	437	p.c. of recoveries.
Norristown	"	5.85	"
Danville,	"	4.96	"
Dixmont,	"	5.84	"

HOMŒOPATHIC.

Middletown, N.Y.,	Asylum,	15.10	"
Westborough, Mas.,	"	12.79	"
Iona, Mich.,	"	12.00	"