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## EDITORIAL

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### THE OSTEOPATHS ARE BUSY.

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty" has been familiar to the ears of all. This is true in a very special sense with regard to medicine. The profession of medicine has been looked upon as "anyone's games." We take this opportunity of calling the attention of the medical profession to the actual conditions that now exist.

Within the past few years many persons with little or no education in medical subjects have commenced practising various branches of medicine under various names. We have the optometrists, who look after refraction, we have the osteopaths, who are supposed to look after our bones, but really our spines, by which they reach the purse, and we have the chiropractors, who also look after the spinal column and those nerves which have wandered away from their proper places and have become physiological "vagrants."

The following advertisement is a good example of the claims put forth by a chiropractor; and we give it in full as it appeared in a leaflet that was scattered around:—

"Dr G. R. Baird, chiropractor. Ninety-five per cent. of humanity die forty years too soon, and all on account of not having the displacement in their spinal column reduced. You would never suffer an ache or pain, or experience a 'sick day' if your nerves were free to act and the only way these nerves can be released from deadly pressure is by unique hand adjustment. Which is a Ki-ró-prak-tic adjustment. Consultation free. 921 College St."

When an educated physician or surgeon reads the foregoing a somewhat similar feeling comes over him to that which the worthy divine felt when he passed a public-house and saw it named "Saint John the Divine's Hotel."

The public do not know any better than to believe this rubbish. We have known lawyers, business men, and ministers of the Gospel who have been carried away by the clap-trap of osteopathy, etc. They