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MANSLAUGHTER.

We perceive that ninety-seven persons are, by the report on the Hospitals of Ontario for 1882, stated to have died of diphtheria in those Hospitals alone, during the year. In view of the fact (published in No. 8, of this journal) that diphtheria has in every case, been conquered by the use of sulphur, we see no reason why the Doctors who have been responsible for the death of these ninety seven persons should not be indicted for manslaughter. If they should be so indicted, of course any number of doctors would swear that the treatment these martyrs received was perfectly orthodox; the twelve gentlemen who are supposed to constitute the palladium of our liberties would sagely deliver their verdict accordingly. The parsons would say "Died by the visitation of God;" the indifferent people would say "Amen." The Committee of public safety will say "slaughtered by combined ignorance and stupidity."

PARLIAMENTARY.

The nine doctors who, during the past session of the Ontarian Legislature, did garrison-duty for the profession at large, will we trust, ere another session has commenced, have received their marching orders; albeit they have executed a bit of *stitching* now and then, we do not think the nine would make one tailor; neither in our opinion, will a stitch in time save the nine. The detective officer whom, *in the interest of the community at large*, they so considerably employ, may be expected to bring up the rear of the nine, in their retreat from the Hall of the Assembly.

A SYLLOGISM.

It is detrimental to the well-being of the community that persons should represent them in Parliament whose individual interest conflicts with their own; the individual interest of an Allopathic physician is prejudicial to the welfare of the community; therefore it is detrimental to the community to be represented in Parliament by an Allopathic physician.

"PHYSICIAN, HEAL THYSELF."

One of the mysteries attaching to the medical profession is that its members, when sick, cannot cure themselves; neither can they apparently keep their own children alive; we know a case of a medical man who is dangerously ill from congestion of the lungs; he is attended by another; neither of them (presumably) are aware that electricity would bring immediate relief; the profession is supposed to possess a monopoly of knowledge, and "mourners," as a consequence, still "go about the streets."