

that the imputations of knavery, imposture and quackery—with which they were liberally treated in the House on the occasion referred to, and by ourselves, more than once—were dictated by some feelings akin to the sordid and selfish; that we thought of ourselves alone, and not of the public upon whom they fed and fattened, and with whose lives and dearest interests they made daily sport. As there is no argument, to our mind, more convincing than the *argumentum ad hominem*, we take this opportunity of contrasting the statements of the three members of the House above alluded to, with the following veritable specimen of the scientific knowledge, and educational progress of one of that genus whom these Legislators delight to honor.

"Look here upon this picture; then on this."

"A few days since Mr. Wilson waited upon me, in company with a Negro Gentleman for the purpose of enlisting my sympathies in behalf of a poor Mulatto boy, subject to fits, and whom he desired to get admitted into the Toronto General Hospital. I afterwards explained to Mr. Wilson the very great repugnance I felt, at being instrumental in sending any paupers from this place, to be a burden upon the bounty of the Toronto people, who have always a large number of sick and indigent wholly dependant upon charity. I offered to prescribe for the boy myself, on condition that a subscription should be raised for his support, and to procure the medicines; with this understanding the boy called upon me on Friday morning, and having elicited by careful examination the cause of his malady, I wrote a prescription which I directed him to take to Mr. Wilson, to be procured at a Druggists. The following morning I received the subjoined specimen of epistolary style! together with my prescription soiled and torn across:—

To Mr Dr Mack
St Catharines

St. Catharines February 1st 1851.

Sir I recieved a few lines from you yesterday stating a mixture that you

wished to be given to that young man which has fits
the mixture which you recom mended is entirely against my profession I use no kind of minerals nor druggist in my practice I treat altogether on the reformed practice using roots barks and flowers without the aid of anything else I examined the youngman's pulse some-time ago and as far as my skill goes concerning his fits they are frequently increased by pumping the seman with the hand instead of the uterus or vagina of the female* and under these circumstances it will be very hard to get him rid of them I have cured several persons of fits since I have been living at St Catharines and I would be willing to undertake him *providing I was paid for my trouble*

but I would prefer putting him into a warm bath the first thing and blistering the stomach and after that giving him an injection and a medic after that give him a dose of senna and manna and a decoction of common mullin as his blood appears to have an unequal circulation the blood recedes from the surface and the extremities and is accumulated or effused upon the brain the remedy then is to equalize the circulation

no more at present but
remain yours

Dr LAWSON St Catharines

In conclusion, we may observe that the foregoing is extracted from a letter published in the St. Catherines *Constitutional*, dated 5th Feb. 1851, by Dr. Mack of that city, who is a gentleman well and favorably known to the Profession of the Province; and we recommend it to the careful consideration of the three sagacious and liberal Legislators whose opinions we have quoted, when called upon at the ensuing session to decide upon the pretensions of these Thompsonian humbugs, who have proved themselves a curse in every society in which they have been tolerated. We

* In the St. Catherine's Journal in which this was published, for obvious reasons Dr. Mack had translated this into Latin.