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It is necessarily a satisfaction to a phrenologist, when reducing his knowledge to practice, to be conscious that they who have become the subjects of his scrutiny are not (in several instances) unacquainted with the science of phrenology. It has transpired, while taking the present series of "soundings," that several of the members had been examined previously, some have (unlike a certain medical member) studied the subject, and one has been examined twice by the same professor; an interval of sixteen years elapsed between the examinations; the professor was not conscious of having examined the gentleman previously, but gave a description in the second instance closely resembling that of the former. The member for Kingston is naturally a good judge of character, and as he is more conversant with the science of phrenology than are the other members, he must possess a fund of ceaseless amusement, as he watches the marionettes on the stage of life, speaking and acting in accordance with their organization. He is one who will quietly make his way, without appearing to push, for he is self-reliant, energetic, keen, and resolute; he is unlikely to be deterred in his course by the sentiments of Mrs. Grundy, for he is by no means imitative, but on the contrary will adopt that course which commends itself to him as desirable. The hon. member's intuitive power is such as to come to his aid at a moment's notice, in regard to speech or action; although cautious, he is not oppressed with timidity, and his lingual organ is well developed. Mr. Metcalfe possesses the advantage of having a good physical constitution; he may therefore be expected to cultivate his abilities with the more assiduity. It is always gratifying to recognize the existence of benevolence, as we do in this case, for the men who combine the disposition to benefit their kind, with the power so to do, are by no means too numerous; this gentleman's lack of credulity will happily shield him against imposture.

It is well we should have combative members, especially when they are prone to fight the battle of the weak, and this dis-