

the Lord's day ; it can scarcely fail to happen that that day is the only one on which many persons can spare time to visit the sick ; with regard to the editor of "MEDICAL CRITICISM," it would involve an excessive amount of vanity on his part to suppose that he would be more welcome within the portals of the hospital than he would be within those of the Queen street Methodist Church ; and what shall we say of Homœopaths, Hydropaths (who prefer *uncolored* water as a means of healing) Medical Botanists, Physio-Medical Practitioners, Magnetists, Electricians, and " Peculiar People," who dispense with doctors, and take to their knees? will *they* be welcome? ignorant monopolists, whose power is traceable to the ignorance of those who have extended power to them, are supremely unlikely to mean what they say, when they parade their "welcome" to all comers to the hospital.

EXTRACTS FROM A TRACT

ENTITLED REMARKS ON "THE MISTAKES OF MOSES."

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When we consider that Moses was the founder of the first recorded national sanitary system ; the founder of the first republican government which the world has ever known, * the United States of Israel ; the organizer of the first nation which worshipped the living God, in the midst of world-wide idolatries and defilements ; the founder of the first total abstinence society which history records (Num. vi.) ; the giver of a system of laws which, while other laws of antiquity are lost in oblivion or buried in contempt, is so founded on the immutable principles of truth and righteousness that it lies at the basis of all modern civil government, and has so ruled and moulded the character of the Jewish nation, that grey-headed judges and lawyers declare that they have never seen a Jew arraigned for a crime,—we may well inquire if the career of Moses was indeed such a gross mistake.

In Great Britain, where skepticism widely prevails, and "the mistakes of Moses" are discussed in club-rooms, beer-shops, and gin palaces, one person in every eleven is said to be a lunatic, a criminal, a pauper, or a drunkard. Would not the teachings of Moses, in spite of all his alleged "mistakes," go far to remedy the wreck and ruin which has been wrought there by intemperance, vice, and crime?

* A republican government, of which "Moses was king in Jeshurun."—ED.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario has selected two long-robed sages, as supporters of their coat of arms ; we recommend that these symbolic personages should be supplanted by a couple of armed Zulus ; the shield of the Zulu, it is true, would but feebly illustrate the two-fold shield of parliamentary and popular ignorance, by which the physicians are habitually protected ; the spear, and the poisoned arrows of the barbarian however, may be regarded as eminently suggestive. Were it not for the competition arising from the number of negroes already in the field, we should recommend the majority of the medical profession to go in for the re-union of the divorced vocations of barber and doctor, for their reluctance to learn anything apart from the traditions of the elders is painfully manifest. We know a gentleman who has wrought marvels, by means of a scientific use of electricity, and who offered to illuminate the pretenders composing a Board of Physicians with his electric light ; but their whole body was full of darkness ; they therefore preferred darkness to light, which appears to be a chronic weakness of the profession, regarded as a whole. The gentleman above referred to has not only himself been brought from death's door by means of electricity, when he was paralyzed, a confirmed dyspeptic, and a sufferer from heart disease, but he has