

these three Governors have each an illegitimate practitioner in their employment, to whom they are giving their daily bread for their services, as hired assistants in their practice, and not as students.

We could coolly tolerate such an unhappy state of affairs, did not our three sentinels take these men into their houses, and protect them in serving what they call their masters; but we do think the time has now arrived when we should expect that every one who has sought and obtained an honorable admission to the profession would discountenance, to the last moment, every individual who savors in the least degree of quackery and humbug.

We have been frequently asked by our friends why it was that the Townships were not better represented at McGill College. Other parts of this Province, with perhaps not greater resources, furnish a good number of young men to adorn its halls, while a comparatively few from this quarter have sought medical instruction at the above-named institution. We have now simply to say, that as long as our young men can with far less expenditure of time, money, and mental effort, obtain the degree of M. D. from our neighbours across the lines, and receive upon their return home the sanction and protection, and even *employment*, of those who are in authority, it is only a rare exception that one will ever approach our own Colleges.

Surely the time may now be said to be safely past when we can any longer plead poverty, or want of facilities at home, as an excuse for seeking an education, whether professional or otherwise, without our limits; for it is well known that there is no place, in America at least, where an equal standard of acquirements is expected of the candidate for honors, or where better opportunities are offered for a thorough medical education, than those of our Province.

We have in these few words endeavoured, though hastily and briefly, to give you some intimations in respect to the state of the profession here. We confidently hope that the College of Physicians and Surgeons will put down those who are now practising empiricism and unfairness; and that before long room will be made for more of our orthodox and acknowledged medical men, and our own Colleges better patronized by our own people.

Truly yours,

A VERITABLE M. D.

District of Bedford, Jan. 3, 1858.