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◇ MEDICAL CRITICISM. ◇

A Weekly Sheet, by DAVID EDWARDS, published on Saturday, and sold at Hawkins & Co.'s, 67 Yonge Street, Toronto.

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A leading thought with the writer, in relation to the sheet now issued, will be—To what extent, if any, is the public indebted to Allopathic practitioners for protecting them by Act of Parliament, against any other modes of cure than those prescribed by themselves? Reflecting persons are apt to conclude that as, in regard to the future life, there are many competitors eager to show us the way, and the conflicting claims of these gentlemen would appear to imply that they do not all possess a monopoly of wisdom and knowledge, so in regard to the present life are there not a few anxious, for a consideration, to guide us to or from that bourn whence no traveller, for the past eighteen centuries, has been known to return. Conflicting claims in the case of these terrestrial guides are wont to lead men to conclude that although a section of them has manifested *wisdom* enough to secure for themselves a patent-right to practise on their neighbours' lives, they may not possess a monopoly of *knowledge* in their own sphere; opportunity will therefore be given in this small sheet, and *increasing opportunity as subscriptions increase*, for all claimants to public favor to ventilate their claims. With regard to the patent-right above mentioned, a question of fundamental importance is—are the honorable members who have combined to extend this right to the Allopathic practitioners of Ontario, better qualified to decide on the merit of the Allopaths' claims than would be the same number of washerwomen? Barring that interesting group of eleven members of the medical profession, who have contrived to secure seats for the *sole* purpose of guarding the unsuspecting public against medical heresy, we should prefer the combined wisdom of a corresponding number of washerwomen: the ladies of the tub would, in many instances, remember how their mothers and grandmothers used to cure all the ills that flesh is heir to, by the aid of a few herbs, or that of a bucket of hot water and a blanket: these discriminating individuals would therefore—if any M.D. dared to present himself at the bar of their house, and undertake to tell them the Latin name of their every muscle, and the number of their bones—probably serve such a *false staff* as the merry wives of Windsor served theirs,—ruthlessly plunge him into the nearest tub.

We shall present testimony from time to time, with regard to the claims of the Allopathic practitioners, which cannot but be important to every individual; we shall also present alternative modes of treatment, from which the judicious public may divine to some extent, in what manner they may expect to be treated, under certain circumstances, on sending for a doctor of this or that particular school.

TESTIMONY.

The older physicians grow, the more skeptical they become as to the virtue of medicine.—**PROF. JOSEPH SMITH, M.D.**

Drugs do not cure disease; disease is always cured by the *vis medicatrix natura*.—**PROF. JAS. M. SMITH, M.D.**

Blisters nearly always produce death when applied to children—**PROF. C. R. GILMAN, M.D.**

Digitalis (foxglove) has hurried thousands to the grave.—**PROF. D. HOSACK, M.D.**

More harm than good has been done by the use of drugs in the treatment of measles, scarlatina, and other self-limited diseases.—**PROF. ALONZO CLARK, M.D.**

Bleeding in pneumonia doubles the mortality.—**PROF. H. G. COX, M.D.**

The drugs which are administered for the cure of scarlet fever and measles kill more than those diseases do.—**PROF. B. F. BARKER, M.D.**

As we place more confidence in nature, and less in the preparations of the apothecary, mortality diminishes.—**PROF. WILLARD PARKER, M.D.**

Opium *increases* the nerve force.—**PROF. B. F. BARKER, M.D.**

Opium *diminishes* the nerve force.—**PROF. E. H. DAVIS, M.D.**

We do not know whether our patients recover because we give medicine, or because nature cures them.—**PROF. J. W. CARSON, M.D.**

The action of remedies is a subject entirely beyond our comprehension.—**PROF. JOHN B. BECK, M.D.**

In that auspicious day, when sanitary subjects shall be delegated to a parliament of ladies, there can be little doubt that the honorable members will forthwith recur to the practice of the Israelites, as illustrated in Ex. i. 15-21., and enact that none but the Shiphrahs and Puahs of their sex shall approach a woman in her hour of trial.

Did it ever occur to anyone how hopelessly the insane in our asylums are left in the hands of practitioners who are pledged to a prescribed mode of treatment? and that, be the knowledge of anyone outside, what it may, the dogs within the medical manger would resent any suggestion that was not in accordance with their tradition, and this sustained by a parliament as ignorant of the subject as the hapless inmates themselves.

In a conversation held between the Editor and an honest physician of Toronto, the former informed the physician that he had no faith in his fraternity, and the doctor replied that so far as he was concerned, he left nature to do her own work very much; in a subsequent conversation between the same persons, the doctor told the Editor that when he commenced practice, a more *advanced* practitioner remarked that he would ruin the rest of the profession if he restored his patients so speedily as he did. The *advanced* was of that eminently orthodox school, which batten, maggot-like, on popular ignorance.

“ PLACEMUS.”

The above harmless Latin word, when translated, means “we please”; when occurring in a physician’s prescription, it communicates the fact—“we please”—to give colored water.

Ask your druggist for a dose of “placemus,” and pay for it, if you think proper.

Who shall affirm that the medical profession has not the best of reasons for seeking the protection of the law?