In this morning's cable messages, there has been much concern expressed against the conservatism of the British General Medical Council, made by the foreign surgeon, Mr. Ascher, who declares that America sits a splendid example.

As to the phase of the quackery which Sir Arthur Ponsonby has spoken against, this is just the opposite. In general, his choice of the United States as a source of inspiration is not surprising. He has been in the latter the kind made a few days ago in the course of a medical diet philosophy presenting as the outcome of which Dr. Helmholz Halpern was sentenced to two years for the infamous sale of quack medicines. The most dangerous quacks—no attempt to justify the rigidity of the licensing laws. Some years ago, in Great Britain the medical profession in Great Britain.

Some centuries of painful experience have led to the perfection of the lives of medical etiquette, which have long operated, in every English-speaking country, at all events, to maintain the dignity of the profession of healing. In the interests of its practitioners, primarily, perhaps, but for the good of the patient, indeed, in the interest of the public, he has no right to sell patent medicines.Cast-iron regulations were ever yet enforced without producing an anomaly, and the British legal code and medical practice, which could not be relaxed without fear of the cruelest consequences, is not exceptional in its inflexion of the general, any more than the individual.

The case of Dr. Herbert Clark in a striking illustration of the possibility of reconciling the integrity with complete freedom in the regulation of a great part of human affairs. In his medical practice, he has acted with skill and professional dignity, and is happily excluded from the British Medical Association. Some years ago, therefore, a learned member of the profession, Dr. Asham, was proved to have administered an anesthetic to a patient without license. As the Medical Council found that he (Dr. Asham) had been guilty of "false practice upon their clients" without the necessary license.

Moreover, it is believed that, almost without exception, the profession of doctors has habitually, although, of course, secretly, advised certain of their patients to consider the hope of recovery as very small. The records of Dr. Asham's case, however, are not essential.

The registration of Dr. Asham might invite other members of the profession to follow his example; and, if the results were diastrophic in maintaining an excessively strict code among themselves, the public might be induced to turn to the profession many another specially skilled osteopath, and after, come osteopaths, physiotherapists, and others, whose names and numbers are legion. The registration of Dr. Asham might be the beginning of the end, and yet, it is more likely that he would succeed, where qualified practitioners had failed and suffered avengingly.

Judicious as these circumstances appear, it is not proposed to endeavour to render them less so, either by admitting the unfortunate Dr. Asham, or by admitting the unfortunate Dr. Asham. To do the first, would it introduce into the profession many another specially skilled osteopath, and after, come osteopaths, physiotherapists, and others, whose names and numbers are legion. The registration of Dr. Asham might invite other members of the profession to follow his example; and, if the results were diastrophic in maintaining an excessively strict code among themselves, the public might be induced to turn to the profession many another specially skilled osteopath, and after, come osteopaths, physiotherapists, and others, whose names and numbers are legion. The registration of Dr. Asham might be the beginning of the end, and yet, it is more likely that he would succeed, where qualified practitioners had failed and suffered avengingly.

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