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### EDITORIAL NOTES.

Thought is as essential to success in business as is capital, and yet money claims the cream of the pr fits. This has been true of Halifax in the past, but the times are mending and brain demands its just reward.

The facilities given in the United States for sending a certain class of periodical publications, known as 'libraries' through the mails, have for some time been all that could be desired, one cent a pound being the rate charged. This has encouraged the publication and spread of good literature in a cheap form, and a vast amount of money has been invested in the business. There are now, however, two bills before Congress, the object of which is to exclude this class of publication from the U.S. Mails as second class matter and increase the rate to eight cents a pound. Should these measures pass, both the publishers and the public would be injured. Such a retrograde step, after having built up a business profitable to the publishers and beneficial to the great public of America, would be to say the least a mistake, for it is probable the increased rate would kill the business.

The opening of the new Women's Medical College at Toronto on April 25th, marks another step in the advancement of the women's cause in the Dominion of Canada. The need of medical education for women was first recognized by the late Dr. Barrett, a man eminent in the profession of medicine and perhaps oven more conspicuous as a teacher. Dr. Barrett, with the assistance of Chief Justice Patterson and Mrs. McEwen of Toronto and others, made great efforts and obtained funds with which in 1883 a medical school for women, with a faculty and regular course of studies was opened with three students. Affiliation was sought with the University of Trinity College. Toronto, which was kindly granted and a committee of Toronto University is considering the application of the school for affiliation with it. The school has grown so that a new and commodious building has been erected to accommodate the ever increasing number of students, and in a few years it will be able to challenge comparison with any medical school. The profession of medicine seems a very special field for the exercise of woman's usefulness. The Zenanas of India are open to none but women doctors and the demand for them is yearly becoming greater. Ganada is able to, and will no doubt send out increasing numbers of fully qualified medical women to help their sisters in the east,