

In every part of Great Britain error is quickly overtaken and corrected; not so in Canada—a country so vast that portions of it are nearer to Great Britain, to France and to Germany than they are to other portions of its own vast Dominion; and whence London or Paris or Vienna may be reached in less time than Toronto or Montreal. Errors reaching such distant and inaccessible portions of the world survive to do their mischief long after they have ceased to delude the minds of men in the larger centres.

In the steadily-increasing number of medical journals all over the world—some of them established in the interests of the public, some in the interests of the profession, some in the interests of a medical school, and not a few in the interests of some nostrum retailed for profit—in all these kinds and qualities America has her share. The exact number published it is difficult to arrive at.

The medical library in connection with the Surgeon-General's Office at Washington, which, under the able guidance of that marvellous worker, Dr. Billings, is unique in extent and completeness, receives 700 medical journals of all sorts a year. Of these, 30 are devoted to dentistry (15 of them from the United States), 38 to pharmacy (8 of these from the United States), 32 to veterinary medicine (2 from the United States), 22 to homœopathy (14 of these from the United States), 9 are eclectic, and all 9 are from the United States—leaving 121 for regular medicine for the United States. Journals on popular medicine are not included in the foregoing list. Some of the journals referred to are conducted with great ability, while a few reach a high level of excellence. Not infrequently, in articles inelegantly written and quaintly expressed, the mechanical genius of the people is conspicuously shown in a manner to command the attention of those more favourably circumstanced. Readers of the journals of both hemispheres have occasionally noticed in yours a greater precision in reporting cases and in stating facts than is generally met with in the western world. You do not so often indulge in unknown quantities, while dates and other circumstances are stated with greater fulness. I have noticed the same features in your discussions. An absence of that precision in America must not, however, be allowed to take from the value of a statement or