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A FEW WORDS WITH OUR READERS.

Through this, the fourth number of the *SANITARY JOURNAL*, we want to have a few words directly with our patrons and subscribers; perhaps at this particular season of the year, too, something of the sort may be expected. The *JOURNAL* made its *debut* in July last, and is, as the *Canada Medical Record* says, "With the exception of a Bulletin issued by the Health Officers of Montreal, the only sanitary journal published in Canada." While fully realizing the broad field requiring culture, and believing the time had come when it might be cultivated with profit, we yet were reluctant to enter upon the work with anything more than the present small bi-monthly, as a sort of experiment; and the publication of it was commenced with all the hopes, doubts and fears that usually beset those who engage in any entirely new enterprise. With each issue of the journal, hopes in the future have been strengthened. Fifty per cent. more copies of this number are being published and circulated than of any previous number.

We have reason to be gratified with the manner in which the *Journal* has been received, especially by leading members of the medical profession, and also by the press; and we take this opportunity to tender to these our thanks. The want of more space is greatly felt, and it is hoped and believed sufficient encouragement will be received to warrant the publication of a monthly, of the same size, or larger, after the next