

the Journal more popular, then an effort should be made by the Society to publish it, and send it to their members for their subscription, as does the Canadian Institute, which stands very high in the estimation of many scientific men in this Metropolis. The first volume of the Canadian Naturalist, edited by Mr. Billings contained an immense deal of popular and valuable matter of interest to every one. If we take "*The Geologist*" a popular Monthly Magazine published here at a shilling, as an example, we find it has an enormous circulation, upwards of 2000, and although it is tolerably popular, its readers want it to be more so, in rendering the science of Geology easy to the most simple minds. If that is necessary here it is doubly so in Canada, because collections are as yet few out there. There should be a fair sprinkling of Natural History with Geology, in the Montreal Journal.

Everybody is getting his wine cellar put in order, in anticipation of the great influx of French Wines shortly expected. Already the price of those in hand is beginning to fall. And it must be confessed that however pleasant a good glass of beer may be, a glass of nice light wine is not only better, but lays more comfortably in the stomach, at the same time not taking up so much room. I do not know of any class of persons who will benefit more from this change than the sick. In some of the hospitals wine is freely given, in others sparingly on account of its cost, but now price need not be an objection, and it will no doubt be freely ordered in cases requiring it, which are very numerous in such a city as London.

A present of some specimens of *Chimney Sweeper's Cancer* was made to two American Physicians who were at St. Bartholomew's Hospital some months back. This form of cancer is extremely rare in America because the profession of a chimney sweep, although it must exist in that favoured part of the world, yet is practised differently to what it is in this country. It may depend upon the fact, which, by the bye was stated by one of the American gentlemen, that in the States, Anthracite Coal is burnt, which does not form so much soot. Mr. Stanley excised a portion of the scrotum of a stout chimney sweep about 35 years of age, which consisted principally of two ulcerated nodules. These he afterwards separated and gave one each to the Physicians named, who told the operator they would preserve them as presented to their Museums by him. There was a good deal of fun and laughing about all this, for Mr. Stanley was uncommonly facetious, more so than is usually his custom. This probably will be the first intimation that the favoured colleges may receive of the valuable donation to their respective museums.

The profession have not as yet got over the sudden death of poor Dr. Todd. The circumstances of his death are no doubt already known to your readers, namely fatal hæmatemesis, from disease of the liver and kidneys. But I may mention one fact regarding him that has not appeared in print. It seems that about six years ago, owing to the state of his urine, which he found to be occasionally saccharine, he mentioned to a friend of his, that he thought he might live six years longer, and curiously enough, his words have become verified. During that time, however, he set to work and completed his Physiological Anatomy, his Cyclopoedia of Anatomy and Physiology, and his three volumes of Lectures, the