

Britain, extracted from the publications of our neighbours. Now, without the vanity which would prompt us to place the profession in Canada, on an equal footing with the several illustrious individuals who adorn the science of medicine in the Union, we boldly, and we believe justly, assert that as a body, they possess as much intelligence, education and industry as any equal number of practitioners in other countries. And they enjoy some advantages. "Few," in comparison, "and far between," their very sparseness induces a self-reliance, and a necessary universality of occupation, which brings them individually in contact with a more extensive range of practice, than is the case in larger and more closely-associated communities, where the principle of the subdivision of labour is more completely carried out. We hope that we shall be justified in expressing this opinion, by witnessing, month after month, communications from every quarter on every subject.

Our acknowledgments are also due to the proprietors and editors of those publications who have hitherto exchanged with us, and we solicit a further extension of this valuable privilege.

Of our future, we now desire to say something. The price at which this journal is issued, especially with its present circulation, scarcely justifies its enlargement to any very great extent; but by reducing the size of our type, and using a separate cover, we shall be enabled to give a considerable increase of matter, in the same number of sheets. It is also our intention to alter the present arrangement of the Journal. Thus, we shall page all the communications and other original matter distinctively from the selections, so that they may be bound in a separate volume. We shall give each month a general *resumé* of intelligence culled from the most recent sources of information; which, without detracting from the number or value of the selections of extended articles of peculiar interest, will serve to bring more immediately under view the passing events in every department of professional study and the collateral sciences. Our additional exchanges, and other facilities, will enable us to make these summaries very complete, and, we trust, acceptable. It is also our present intention to devote a certain space to the republication, in a serial form, of some of the admirable publications which appear from time to time, and which may not be within the immediate reach of all our readers. By these means we hope to extend the utility and value of our Journal.

To meet the additional cost which these changes will necessarily entail, we rely upon an enlarged circulation and prompt payments.