

length the business of the Association and contain medical literature of such a high standard that it will attract attention far and wide."

This looks fine in print, and might bear the construction that the journals now published are not of the required standard. So far as the *Canada Lancet* is concerned, it has always most loyally supported the Ontario Medical Association, and has given its pages most freely to the discussion of the affairs of the Association. As a journal, it never failed to praise whatever was good, and has never feared to criticize what it thought was not in the best interests of the profession. For its stand it has met with universal commendation, except from the irregular cults. It has also published articles from the pens of the most distinguished members of the profession in every field of medical progress. It has constantly quoted and extracted matter from the highest class journals of all countries.

The new journal might be able to find someone who could write such editorials as have never been heard of before. He might be able to raise up a new race of writers, and clinicians, and medical scientists, who could contribute articles far superior to those who now make contributions to the medical journals; and perhaps the new journal would compel all the journals of the world to so rise in standard that much better literature could be found in their pages to quote from than is now the case. This does seem utopian enough to have pleased old Sir Thomas More.

Our Hamilton confreres then state of this new publication: "This journal would in no sense arouse the suspicion that it was a parasite living wholly or even in part on the good nature of our profession, or unknowingly to them, fattening its own being by financial advantage of advertising matter obtained under false pretences, on the representation of fictitious circulation or the admission of medical literary matter of questionable interest or scientific value."

So are we to infer that the medical journals now published in Ontario arouse the suspicion that they are parasites living on the good nature of the profession? Such would be a gross insult to all who have to do with the editing of our present journals. Then they state that this new journal would not fatten on advertising matter obtained under false pretences. The inference, we take it, is that our present journals come under this censure. The fact is that our journals are carrying advertising information similar to that to be found in the *British Medical Journal*, the *British Lancet*, the *Edinburgh Medical Journal*, the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, the *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*, or the *Canadian Medical Association Journal*. The veiled attack upon the medical journals is uncalled for in the face of their efforts to uphold the ideals of the medical profession.