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To CORRESPONDENTS.—*We shall be glad to receive from our friends everywhere, current medical news of general interest. Secretaries of County or Territorial Medical Associations will oblige by forwarding reports of the proceedings of their Associations.*

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TANTI NOMINIS UMBRA.

"What's in a name?" A good deal of inconvenience, sometimes, and too many letters. Hence it is that, with the beginning of a new year and volume, and the infusion of new life into our *libellum*, it has seemed to us desirable to assume a more convenient title. Perhaps a mere whim would seem sufficient justification for a change in an unimportant matter; but, as good reasons are forthcoming, they may as well be told. In the first place, then, the similarity of our former name with that of the *Canadian Journal of Science* (Literature and History) has been the constant source of postal irregularities, delays and re-deliveries; secondly, in very numerous instances our contemporaries, in making excerpts from our columns, have omitted to credit them to the proper source, owing, as has been alleged, to the interminability of our name, admittedly too long for convenient citation; and thirdly, because we believe it will be a source of convenience to our readers and correspondents to have a shorter title to refer to or address us by.

Our new issue presents two other departments, to which we may be permitted briefly to refer. The first is the addition of Dr. Nevitt's name to our editorial staff, which, we trust, our subscribers will regard as an earnest of our determination to cover as wide a field as possible in catering to their literary demands, and to spare no effort or labour to make the JOURNAL, in the fullest

sense, a compendium of British and Foreign medical science, criticism and news. We have, in the past, from time to time enjoyed the benefit of Dr. Nevitt's collaboration; but, in the future, we shall possess his constant and undivided care and attention. The second new feature is a change of publishers and printers; and, while we admit that we expect great things from the new, it is only just to add that we have no fault to find with—we have nothing but praise and commendation for—the old. The change of printers results simply from the transference of our business department to Mr. Carswell's firm, whose energy, business ability and facilities give us reasons for expecting enhanced pecuniary success for our undertaking. In severing our relations with the *Guardian* office, we experience much regret; and, in giving expression to that sentiment, we desire to convey to Mr. Wilson, the foreman, and his staff, to Mr. Pearson, the binder, and his, our cordial thanks for their good work and successful efforts in our behoof, their unremitting attention and obliging disposition invariably manifested throughout the seven years of our connection with them.

In conclusion, we thank our contributors and subscribers for past assistance and support, and, trusting that the next new thing to be commented on will be a greatly augmented subscription list, we wish one and all, at this auspicious juncture, a happy and prosperous New Year.

Dr. WM. C. BURKE, jr., in the *New England Medical Monthly*, says:—"In the last three or four months of pregnancy, all women suffer discomfort from the distension of the abdominal walls, which I have found greatly relieved by the free use, at least once a day, of some unctuous material, as vaseline or sweet lard, and in many cases the formation of the lineæ albicantes is prevented."

The Post Graduate Schools in New York are said to be succeeding well.