

been originated in Toronto, or in Quebec, at any period since ours saw the light, we would willingly have withdrawn it, (and this we have repeatedly stated,) for it was not ambition that caused us to undertake the Editorial chair,—it was a desire to have a Medical Journal in Canada. To the Editor of the *British American Journal of Medicine*, &c. we offer our best wishes for success; and however opposed his opinions may have been to ours in some matters, he shall not have reason to complain of our attempting to thwart him in firmly establishing a Periodical of Medical Literature in Montreal.

A parting word to our own friends, our subscribers and supporters. To all those who have forwarded their subscriptions for the past year, we offer our heartfelt thanks, for having enabled us to carry on our *Gazette* without the risk of being half yearly called upon by our Publishers to draw upon our own private resources for work done; to such as have not yet done so, we would take the liberty of suggesting, that, as all the demands against us are not yet liquidated, and as they may have derived some profit or amusement from the labour devoted by us in catering for them, we trust, that they will soon give us substantial proof of their appreciation of our endeavours, by remitting. For the two Numbers of the new Series it is not our intention to make any charge. Those of our subscribers who have forwarded their subscriptions for the current year, will please inform us of their wishes,—we shall be most happy to hand the amount over to the Publisher of the *British American Journal*, and this, we trust, will be the instruction of most of those to whom we allude; or we will return them by post, deducting only unpaid postage of letters. To the Editors of the valuable Journals which we have been in the habit of receiving in exchange from England, Scotland, and the United States, we tender our most sincere thanks, for we are fully sensible how much the advantage has been on our side.—

To all we say,—Valete.

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We beg to direct the particular attention of our readers to the valuable Articles in our present Number by Drs. Rees and Spiers, on the subject of Lunatic Asylums generally, and of that in Toronto in particular. When we remember, that provision is not furnished for one-eight part of that afflicted portion of the community in this division of the Province, and the presumption is, that the same ratio obtains in the sister division; when we think, that another session of the Legislature is past, and that no individual Member of either House rose in his place to take action on that part of our noble minded Governor's speech, which recommended the earnest attention of our country's representatives to the subject; when we see further, that in other civilized countries, unwearied efforts are being made for the amelioration of the condition of the most miserable class of that sympathy