

to subscribe. The distance is great, when you consider we have 'Poultry Journals' near home. You have my best wishes for your success.

"I shall watch your different papers with much interest, and you may hear from me after on subjects interesting to your readers. A vast deal is to be accomplished, and I hope with you, to see the day when common fowls shall be no more."

To our many other correspondents who have favoured us with kind letters, we take this opportunity of returning them our hearty thanks for their interest in our welfare, and repeat the assurance given in our first number, that no effort on our part will be spared to make our journal what it professes to be, a thorough medium of communication between the fanciers and breeders of poultry, and for the dissemination of knowledge on such matters.

RESPONSIBILITY — EDITORIAL AND FINANCIAL.

Attached to our Prospectus, when issued, was a certificate signed by the Executive Committee of the Ontario Poultry Association, stating that this journal was to be issued under its auspices and with its consent, and was to be controlled by a few amateurs, well known to the Committee as capable, both financially and editorially, of taking charge of its conduct and management. We had thought this sufficient to identify its editorship with the Society, but it appears it was not so understood, at least by a couple of Canadian journals of which we have heard. To set at rest all uncertainty on this point, we now state, for the information of our doubting cotemporaries, that its editorial management is under the conduct of the Secretary of the Association, assisted by other members of the Executive Committee; and for its financial arrangements, the Vice-President has become wholly and personally responsible. We trust this explanation suffi-

ciently explicit, if not wholly satisfactory to the minds of our "big" cotemporaries, and that in future they will be at no loss to know who it is that speaks "*ex cathedra* on poultry matters to the fowl-fanciers of Canada."

COLONEL F. C. HASSARD, R. E.

The lovers of poultry will learn with regret that this gentleman has been ordered home, and before these lines are in type will have reached England. Few who had any acquaintance with the Colonel will deny that to his individual efforts during his stay in Canada, especially in Toronto, is owing much of the improvement in the culture of pure-bred poultry which has recently become so visible in this country. As a poultry and pigeon fancier he had in Canada no equal, while to his thorough acquaintance with the rules of English poultry clubs, and his superior knowledge of poultry, much of the recent improvement in poultry judging at our shows is to be attributed. With him originated the inception of a poultry club in Ontario. He communicated his views on the subject to a few fanciers, who aided him in the formation of a society, the benefits of which to poultry breeders is a recognized fact.

Although Col. Hassard has left Canada, perhaps never again to return, we are glad to announce that he will be a constant contributor to these columns. From his large experience in the breeding and raising of poultry in Canada, his contributions may be looked upon as highly valuable. Our best wishes accompany him.

FEATHER-EATING FOWLS.—A writer in *Moore's Rural New Yorker* states:—"I have used carbolic disinfecting soap for feather-eating fowls, by dipping the end of the cake of soap in warm rain-water and rubbing it on the feathers; it has never failed to produce a permanent cure. It is not unhealthy for the fowls, and by dissolving a portion in soft water, and dipping the fowls in it, then putting them in a dry place until thoroughly dry, it will rid them of lice in every instance." The experiment is certainly worth a trial.