

perish in glycerine fats, at the same time another kind, which do not require the oxygen of the air for their development, may thrive in the ordinary fats. Lanolin, however, is positively inimical to the growth of micro-organisms of all kinds. The *British Medical Journal*, in commenting on these facts, says: "Therapeutically speaking, lanolin has a great future before it. Its miscibility with water in any proportion, its ready absorbability by the skin, its freedom from any tendency to rancidity, constitute it the vehicle *par excellence* for cutaneous medicaments. Its preservative properties ought also to find practical application in other ways.

### BRITISH AND CANADIAN JOURNALISM.

As an evidence of the esteem in which THE CANADIAN PRACTITIONER is held by one of the best medical journals in the world, we call the attention of our readers to the following article which appeared in the editorial columns of *The Medical Press and Circular*, (London, England,) January 11, 1887. We also invite the attention of our readers to the announcement of our publishers, on page 11 of the advertising columns.

"Any journal seeking to fulfil a useful and honorable career must place its reliance on giving the public early, accurate, and impartial information. This is especially the case with professional journals, and no cliqueism or narrowness can lead to honorable distinction. To promote useful work, and to preserve the unsullied honor of the profession is the duty of the journalist at home and abroad, and nothing can be more gratifying than to find in the Colonies and in the literature of our Canadian and American brethren a recognition of this fact. It tells of a healthy tone throughout the world of medicine, and a spirit combined with laudable enterprise and energy that insures to the profession of to-day a quick notification of the advances of science in its different branches in every country of the world. In no journals are these characteristics of commercial integrity and enterprise more marked than in those of the Great Dominion, and nowhere in the Dominion more so than in Ontario, where

Anglo-Saxon energy seems to have found a congenial home, and from the capital of which is issued our contemporary, THE CANADIAN PRACTITIONER, which has just completed its twelfth year. Of a journal which is so long and so favorably known there is little occasion to say much, but for good work, both scientific and ethical, our contemporary is deserving of more than passing notice.

Of the general excellence of its original papers and their judicious selection, the best proof is the frequency with which we and other home journals have copied them, and of the value of such a journal to our Colonial brethren, we can add nothing to the fact that the acceptance of their contributions by its editors ensures for the writer an European audience, as well as an American one. The editor well says that *bona fide* subscribers are the best test of a journal's acceptance by the profession, and judged by this, the metallic test, our contemporary has received abundant proof of its merits being recognized.

For ourselves, we wish THE CANADIAN PRACTITIONER a continuance of its honorable and useful career, and a just meed of prosperity for good and laudable work, which has done much to enhance professional usefulness, and preserve the high tone of medical ethics in the New World.

With the object of placing one of the leading British weekly medical journals at the disposal of the Profession in Canada and neighboring Colonies, we are now sending *The Medical Press* (by arrangement with our contemporary) to the entire Profession in those parts, for which we hope shortly to open a special department (as we have already done in other countries), so that readers and writers in the Mother country and her dependencies will, for the first time in medical journalism, be in weekly inter-communication."

### THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

That greatest of all medical organizations, the British Medical Association, is becoming old enough to be respectable, and will soon be rather venerable. The fifty-sixth annual meeting will be held next August in Glasgow. Only