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AN APPEAL.

The present number of the *Canada Medical Journal* has been delayed from several causes ; but chief of all, the want of original matter to lay before our readers.

When we assumed the management of this journal we determined to exclude from its pages everything of a personal nature, which is always uninteresting to the majority of readers, and is calculated to injure the character of our profession. In doing this we have followed the course adopted by those periodicals published in the mother country, many of which are devoted exclusively to the advancement of the science and art of medicine and surgery.

We may perhaps have given offence, as many letters have been received from various parts of the province, complaining of unprofessional conduct, but of which we have taken no notice. We are desirous that this journal should be a means of communication between the members of our profession, and the repository of valuable matter. As an evidence of the worth and practical bearing of many of the papers which have appeared in our Original Department, we may state they have been deemed of sufficient interest to be copied into the pages of most of the leading periodicals at home and in the neighbouring republic.

To our friends and supporters we must again appeal for aid, literary aid, for without it the printer cannot employ his type. Surely there should be sufficient material in Canada to enable us to keep our journal going. If the profession here are so sparing of their views, so reticent, fearful of criticism, or some other imaginary bug-bear, we will conclude it is an evidence that we have become an unwelcome guest, and therefore will begin to consider the necessity of relinquishing our task. But we cannot believe that thus early in our career we are to be neglected, unsupplied with literary food. Brethren, we languish, we starve, with all the keen appetite of continued abstinence and unimpaired digestion. We call upon you to sustain us with contributions, without which the character of our journal must depreciate ; in fact we will, if still neglected, cease to be.