

topics, the communication of anomalous or interesting cases occurring in practice, or the exposition of original views in reference to disease, as influenced by peculiarity of climate, than the daily Journals. 2nd. Our being informed that such a Journal was not *needed* here, that as there was nothing new under the sun, so there could arise nothing in this *wilderness* of ours, worthy of being submitted to the professional world's eye, and that a mere unit of these six hundred men would be found willing to contribute to it, seeing that the greater number of them were totally *unable* to do so. 3rd. That it would never pay its expenses, because the country Practitioners would never be tempted to become reading men; they would never therefore subscribe to it; and the consequence would be, that the scheme must involve its projectors in heavy loss. Feeling convinced that the assertions contained in the two last heads of our reasons were totally unfounded, and that a libel had been pronounced upon many men fully as well educated, and as able to furnish contributions as those who gave utterance to the sentiments, (provided opportunities were afforded to them,) we resolved alone to run the risk and put their conjectures to the test. And what has been the result? That the opinions which we formed on the subject have been fully confirmed; that country Medical men will read, and moreover, that they will *pay* for their reading! Our subscription list has very much exceeded our most sanguine expectations. In our first Number, we stated, that in undertaking the duties which we had assumed to ourselves, we looked not for *profit*, nor did we seek *notoriety*; but that we sought "that higher recompense resulting from our having been the humble means of elevating the character of our profession, by the dissemination of more extended observation and knowledge." This we already feel has fallen to our share; the *Montreal Medical Gazette*, "*utterly contemptible*" as it was, has begotten in many men, who, but for it, would have remained in the same state of hybernation with the majority, a taste for knowing what is going in the Medical world,—it has had the effect of proving, that not only can *one* Medical Journal be supported in Canada, but that even *two* may,—it has roused into action the energies of men with regard to their profession's status in this colony, which would never otherwise have been dreamt of,—and lastly, it has called into existence a determination on the part of many men in different portions of the Province, to place the Medical Profession of Canada on that footing to which it is so justly entitled, by raising the standard of qualification in its members, by increasing the facilities of education, and by insisting on a more liberal, and less exclusive mode of electing to offices. The *Montreal Medical Gazette* has effected all this, and our object in originating it has now been fully attained. May our successor effect as much! We feel perfectly happy in having acted as pioneers in the work. Had a Journal