

sion have been specially large the last year. However, we shall be very glad to make this journal the medium of a fund for the purpose, and in order to make it thoroughly representative, we would propose to limit the amount from each subscriber to one dollar. The names and addresses of contributors will appear in the JOURNAL; and the amounts will be remitted to Messrs. Snowden & Cowman, and their acknowledgment published. We hope our readers will not overlook the matter. We would suggest to the promoters in Baltimore some form of postal-card personal acknowledgment.

Reciprocal Interest.

Dr. Klotz, in his address before the Ontario Dental Society, emphasized the importance of more personal assistance for the JOURNAL. Anyone in the least familiar with scientific or literary journalism in Canada, will acknowledge, that with the tremendous competition from the many splendid foreign periodicals, it is next to impossible to make a Canadian venture a thorough financial success. It is possible, however, to do sufficient by personal sacrifices on the part of publishers and editors, to give us journals of our own, and to remove the opprobrium that we have to depend exclusively upon the generosity of our neighbors. It is not possible for an editor to give the time and attention which he would perhaps find congenial if he had nothing else to do. But we are quite sure, after an experience of over twenty-five years, that the profession as a body have a feeble conception of the continuous demand upon an editor, not by any means in the work that is seen in the pages of the periodical, but in the fact, that from all sources, and upon all subjects of interest and of no interest, the dentist who "wants to know," fixes upon the editor as the most convenient centre of information. The work that is seen in the journals forms a very small part of the duties of the editor. It is but fair to remember, that while this and more is done willingly, there should be more reciprocity. This journal is not published as a financial speculation. Indeed, the number of delinquent subscribers, the men who owe the publisher several years' subscriptions, and who kick up a rumpus if they miss one issue, would lead one to believe that there are people who think they pay the publisher a compliment by receiving regularly a journal for which they never think of paying. Publishers and editors could invest the interest they have to much better-paying advantage. They have no direct or collateral interest to serve. They simply realize that "every man is a debtor to his profession, and ought, of duty, to endeavor to be a help thereunto." Publishers and editors try to fulfil this law. Our contributors and paying subscribers do their share. Our advertisers do theirs, and certainly merit the patronage of the profession.