

EDITOR'S SPECIAL CORNER.

OUR READERS will have observed another change in the JOURNAL, with which we have been over twelve years connected. With this number it comes entirely under our own control again, editorially and otherwise, which it had not been for a long time; and with it we go back in name to our "early love"—the CANADA HEALTH JOURNAL. We are disposed to adopt the smaller page again, with more of them, after the expiration of the present year. We trust the JOURNAL will in future appear more regularly than it has done during this year; and shall be pleased and obliged to receive the amount of subscription from each of the large number who have not yet paid for this year. Will each kindly attend to this?

FIRST of all it shall be our aim to make the JOURNAL useful to the public; and with this aim we shall endeavor to make it instructive and useful to those most interested in health work, such as health officers, members of health boards, and sanitarians generally, and to these we appeal for that fraternal assistance without which no cause can make good progress. We should like to be in communication with all health officers and all others who take an interest in the subjects upon which the JOURNAL treats.

MUCH space is given this month to the admirable address of the President of the British Medical Association, at its meeting last month, on the higher education of women. This is a subject which involves the interests of the race and Dr. Moore has treated it in a popular rather than a professional manner. It should be read and considered by all who feel an interest in the future of mankind. When the author states, with Spencer, that the first requisite for success in life is to be a good animal, he probably does not mean more than that a good physical organization is indispensable to the highest mental ability. His accusation that the "higher education" unfit for maternity is a serious one, but quite comprehensible to the medical mind; while it is a point upon which everyone would naturally desire to know all that the medical profession could teach.

To the question of food adulteration, too, a good deal of space is given, and we purpose to continue to expose the villainous practice of adulteration. Many of our readers could render much assistance to the Department in the efforts to suppress this evil.

THE meeting of the Canada Medical Association in Quebec last month afforded much information for popular reading, and our lay readers will find elsewhere in this number some useful information on quarantines, crime and insanity, vital statistics and the hygiene

of suppers, which was brought out at the meeting.

HYDROPHOBIA has, to say the least, considering the infrequency of cases of it as compared with a number of other fatal diseases, received its full share of attention during the past year. Many persons have not had from the first much confidence in Pasteur's preventive inoculations, and doubting ones are becoming more and more numerous. He shows good result chiefly because a large number of patients have rushed to him, not a few of whom had been bitten only by non-rabid dogs; while he has treated some who had only been licked by dogs. It is conceded that he has had better success than any other hydrophobia curer, and that is about all that can be said. The safest, indeed only sure, prophylactic is to prevent the disease in the dog; and the only sure, and the best, way to prevent it in dogs is to kill dogs before they grow big enough to bite. Using moderate language, there are at least ten dogs, if not twenty or even a hundred, where one would be all sufficient, and all that do anything whatever but act constantly and incessantly as intolerable living nuisances, aside from the risk to which any one is exposed, at almost any time on the street, of a fatal bite.

A DOG occasionally proves a valuable animal, and this sort of animal has no better friend than the writer. But there is a place for everything, and about the last place for a dog is on the street. We have the greatest respect and admiration for a good dog, but only when he is at home in his master's yard, or, if his master prefer it, in his master's drawing room—when we are not present. The amount of sleep lost, and hence valuable time, by the howling and barking of the worthless brutes is monstrous, to say nothing of the serious consequences to many sick persons whose life may depend upon their getting a little sleep, which they cannot get because of some barking cur; or perhaps just after falling asleep they are awaked by the same cause. Accidents from dogs rushing at horses attached to vehicles are of frequent occurrence, and a correspondent of a leading Toronto daily paper has just given quite a list of these. Finally, as this Toronto daily gives it, dogs are successful disseminators of vermin and cutaneous diseases, and are the occasion of the most intense anxiety to those who, or whose children, have had the misfortune to be bitten by them. The time will come, though it may be long hence when men will have in them too much of manhood to associate so much and so intimately with brutes, however much these may be esteemed and kindly regarded when in their proper places. We cheerfully support a crusade against dogs,—let them be destroyed, taxed highly and comfortably muzzled on every hand.