

MANITOBA, NORTHWEST AND BRITISH COLUMBIA LANCET.

In placing this, the first issue of the MANITOBA, NORTHWEST AND BRITISH COLUMBIA LANCET, before the profession, I feel that a want has been supplied. The fast-increasing numbers of medical men settled and settling in the vast area comprised under the above heading, the rapidly-growing importance of the respective provinces and the formation of colleges and schools, with the establishment of hospitals of no mean capacity, all intimated that the time had arrived which demanded in the interests of the profession a representative organ. The medical profession united is a powerful body, and the girdle which binds them is their special journals. Through these pages members become acquainted with each other, and by them an interchange of ideas—the basis of sound progress—becomes practicable, and the hard-worked practitioner, with sparse time for study, is enabled to glean from the columns of his paper the various scientific advances which are ever progressing in the domains of medicine, surgery and the allied sciences. Day by day and week by week important facts come to light. Structures which a short time ago the surgeon dared not to meddle with, are now unsparingly subjected to the scalpel. Membranes which it was supposed to wound was certain death are freely slit up with knife and scissors, and whole organs are with impunity removed from the living body. Bolder and bolder does the surgeon pursue his calling, and with corresponding benefit to the human race. The physician of to-day is far in advance of his short-time predecessor, and the chemist is continually adding to those drugs and compounds by which disease can be com-

bated, death averted, and human sufferings assuaged. Aye! and not human suffering alone, for to the brute creation this blessing is now extended.

Arrangements have been made to secure original articles from the leading scientists of the Old World, as well as of the American Continent, and the proprietor hopes that the whole profession in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and British Columbia, will not alone support this journal by becoming regular subscribers to it, but, that they will whenever opportunity offers, send any cases of interest which may come under their notice, for insertion in its pages. The reports of medical and surgical societies will have prominent notice. Certain columns are set apart for the reports of cases occurring in the various hospitals of the three provinces, and the medical staff of these institutions are cordially invited to send their reports to the editor. The advancement and interests of the medical profession will be the aim of this journal, and the proprietor asks for the co-operation of his professional confreres. With their assistance the enterprise is certain of success. Like most beginnings it is somewhat feeble; but, with the goodwill and assistance of those to whom it must prove of great value, it will, ere long, increase in volume and steadily advance in reputation, as the exponent of the views and practice of the physicians and surgeons of this great Northwestern division of the Dominion of Canada. That the profession throughout the three provinces (graduates of nearly every college) are as a body thoughtful, pains-taking physicians and bold and enterprising surgeons, none can gainsay. Those of our confreres who have abandoned the pursuit of medicine to enter into the arena of politics have proved that the same culture which commanded success in their medical career soon bore them on to