

This medical journal has done good work in the past, and has stood for high ideals in the medical profession. The papers that have appeared in its pages have done credit to our western confrères.

Under its new name we wish it long life and a widened sphere of usefulness.

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### THE MONTREAL MEDICAL JOURNAL.

In the editorial section of this journal for December we are informed that it has ceased publication.

We had learned to like this journal. It was looked upon somewhat as an exponent of medical teaching and writing as they have been found to exist in McGill Medical College for years past.

McGill has no reason to be ashamed of its record. We shall miss the *Montreal Medical Journal* and what it might have had to tell us of McGill.

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### THE STATE AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

It is a matter for the utmost congratulation that the governments of the various provinces and the Federal Government have become active of late years in promoting the health of the people. We have pointed out on many occasions that each life is worth, on an average, \$1,735 for all ages.

For Canada, with a population of say, 8,000,000, this would give a grand total of \$13,888,000,000 as the value of the people of Canada.

We do not know that the forest, the mine, the streams, or the fields can show more worth. It is well, therefore, to care for the health of the people.

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### OVERCROWDING IN THE MEDICAL PROFESSION.

From all over the world comes the same complaint, that the medical profession is overcrowded. The following statement will throw some light upon the condition of medical men in some of the leading countries:

"It is an easy matter to prove that the medical profession in America is overcrowded. In France, which has a population of 37,000,000 or so, there are only 17,000 medical men all told, and in England, with a population of more than 40,000,000, there are about 32,000 medical men,