

THE  
CANADA LANCET,  
A MONTHLY JOURNAL OF  
MEDICAL AND SURGICAL SCIENCE.

---

---

Vol. IV.

MARCH, 1872.

No 7.

---

---

Original Communications.

---

PHENOMENA OF LIFE MAINTAINED AND CONTROLLED BY TWO ANTAGONISTIC PRINCIPLES OF INNERVATION.

---

*(Continued from April Number, 1871.)*

"For he who studies nature's laws  
From certain truths his maxims draws."

---

BY J. G. FREEL, M.D., MARKHAM, ONT.

The design of a medical journal is not only to disseminate practical information among the members of the profession, but to create at the same time a desire for scientific investigation. To accomplish this double object a generous criticism is an indispensable requisite. To allow all the productions of correspondents to go unchallenged is, in a measure, to tacitly acquiesce in their correctness, and thus, possibly, in some instances, to mislead the inexperienced. In this respect, the report of "Barbarous treatment by a Midwife" deserves a passing notice. The propriety of the course adopted by the medical attendants is rather more than questionable. Turning is always formidable,