

simple purpose of providing a medium for gathering up the medical knowledge that is made in these provinces and for bringing forward and discussing matters of interest and importance to the profession here. It was not the purpose to make money. As a matter of fact no money has been made by it and probably will *not* be made. We will be quite satisfied if we can make the *News* pay its own way. The only dividends it has paid in the past has been in the way of sacrifices of time. We expect the same in the future. But we won't be sorry, if we have the loyal support of our readers and succeed in fulfilling our mission.

We ask our readers to follow very closely the work we have undertaken, and we ask them not only to take an interest in it, but to criticise it. We want suggestions. If any reader has anything to publish, we want it. If he thinks certain things should be covered, we want to know it. We want our work pulled to pieces. If necessary, you can be absolutely merciless in so dealing with us, for our desire is to produce a journal that will meet the need and we can do that best when we have other ideas as well as our own.

Another thing we ask, namely, that our readers note the improvement in our advertising pages. We are seeking typographical excellence there too. Moreover, the advertising pages are interesting

as well as mechanically pleasing, and the reader may find suggestions there worth having. Our purpose is to give our advertisers the utmost value for their money as well as our readers; and as our advertisers are helping us to give our readers a good paper, we hope our readers will help us to give our advertisers this good value.

There is not a registered practitioner in the Maritime Provinces who will not receive a copy of the MARITIME MEDICAL NEWS this month. Most of them are already readers. Some have not been readers. Let us say a word now to the last named. We want you to take an interest in the NEWS, and while we appeal to you on professional grounds, still we feel that we can appeal to you on the merits of the case. Do you not think the NEWS worth a dollar a year to you? There is an application form enclosed. Suppose you fill it out now, enclose it with a dollar in an envelope, and drop it in the post office the next time you are down town, and then note from month to month during the coming year how you will get your dollar back. Really, if we were you, we would subscribe to the NEWS right away.

Some of the articles in this number are papers which were read at the annual meeting of the Canadian Medical Association held in Halifax, and appear here for the first time. Other papers which had been read there have already been published in these pages. To have these in such convenient form would alone be worth the annual subscription to this journal. We will be able to announce interesting features from time to time.