

## THE LANCET

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We again have the pleasure of placing before the medical men of this Province and Western Canada The Manitoba and Western Canada Lancet, which for some years circulated under the name of The Northern Lancet and Pharmacist. Its suspension for a time was due to several causes. But the basis on which it is now placed is of so sound a nature, that we believe its pages will continue to issue monthly, long after the youngest of our present medical confreres has passed away. The formation of the Winnipeg Medical Association, and the Manitoba Association, the growth of our local hospitals, and the establishment of similar institutions throughout the vast region where this publication circulates, the phenomenal increase of students in our medical schools, and the consequent numerous additions yearly to our professional ranks, form a combination for the affording of abundant professional material for the pages of this publication. While it will also be our constant endeavor to place before our readers all that is new, and all that is interesting and instructive in the practice of our art in other countries. No pains will be spared by the management, and we appeal to our professional brethren for their cordial co-operation. Though, in the unwearying search for scientific knowledge which characterizes the modern followers of Aesculapius, many medical papers find their way into the doctor's sanctum, his local journal becomes a requirement. It is the exponent of the opinions of his immediate fellows. It keeps him in touch with his brother practitioners, and promotes

that homogeneity so vital to our interests. It is also the ready and direct medium for heralding to his brethren throughout the world the knowledge gained by practical experience; and thus, while benefiting his fellowmen, he places himself before the profession as a thoughtful worker in the most noble cause to which a man can apply himself.

Our columns are open to all articles of professional interest, and they will have as early publication as possible. We will be glad to receive any suggestions from our professional brethren, and will give the same our best attention. In all matters relating to the ethics of the profession, communications can only appear over signature.

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We lately read in the Free Press an account of a case at St. Thomas, where an infant was allowed to perish, due to the mother's "ought-to-be-criminal" craze, viz., That the calling in of medical aid was a direct insult to Providence. The sooner such acts are placed under the statute of homicide, the better for the public at large. Religious motives, "crankisms though they be," no doubt, actuate in many cases, but the doctrine presents a ready method of getting rid of an undesirable burden, yet steering clear of the law's clutches.

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The first meeting of the Winnipeg Medical Association was held on the 18th of February, and was attended by nearly the whole of the profession in the city. Dr. Chown was elected president, Dr. O'Donne!, vice-president, and Dr. Harvey Smith, secretary-treasurer. Papers were read by Dr. Gordon Bell, Dr. Popham, and Dr. Webster, after which, at the invitation of the president, an adjournment