

INFORMATION WANTED.

THE Editor will feel much obliged to the readers of this Journal if they will forward to him on the 1st. of every month information on the following points.

Their place of residence. (*One notice will be sufficient on this point.*)

The date of the first case of Epidemic, Endemic, or Sporadic disease which they may be called upon to treat.

The general character of the type of diseases prevailing during the month.

The date of the last case of Epidemic or Endemic disease treated.

The nature of the accidents which may have come under their notice.

The total number of cases treated during the month, of all varieties.

The number of births and deaths at which they have been present during the month.

Let it not be supposed that this is an inquisitorial request. Taken in connection with the meteorological phenomena of the month, a series of most valuable tables might be constructed from these reports, the advantage and importance of which would soon be appreciated by all who assist at their construction, and be welcome to those who desire them. It must be acknowledged that we have no authentic vital statistics whatever in Canada, not even of the usual casualties of births and deaths. It is not presumed that this mode of investigation will at all approach accuracy with respect to the whole population of the province, but it will establish one fact, if completely conducted, the number who are born and die under *legitimate* treatment. The intent of other portions of the inquiry must be evident. For the purpose of aiding the Profession in complying with this request a number of blank forms will be prepared and distributed with our next impression which will much facilitate the inquiry.

It would also add much to the value of these reports if the prevailing winds, the hygrometric condition of the atmosphere and the temperature were given. This would of course involve the necessity of daily observation, a course which few perhaps would have the inclination to pursue; but, in the absence of very detailed experiments, a general entry might, without much trouble, be made on the margin of the ordinary day-book or case-book, which would serve, on reference at the end of the month, to give a tolerably correct approximation to the truth. Columns will also be printed in the form to assist in keeping this register.

A short topographical description of the town or range of practice, having reference to the presence or absence of local causes of disease, would materially assist in determining the localities of specific forms which are observable in the endemic disease of the country.