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ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOLUME II.

This number concludes our first volume, and it remains for our subscribers to say, to what extent our promises, at the commencement of it, have been fulfilled. If there has existed a dearth of original communications, we can safely say that the fault does not lie at our door. We have invited them by all the means in our power, and for the sake of the profession generally, we must say that we regret that there has existed such little disposition, on the part of Medical men generally, to impart to their neighbours, fellow-workers in the same field, the results of their experience. We hope better things for the future. In the ensuing volume we propose to devote a portion of a page to an announcement of the Births, Marriages, and Deaths among the members of the Profession and their families, for which purpose we would esteem it a favor to be put in possession of a newspaper containing any such announcements. We propose also to devote space, commensurate with their importance, to reports of cases occurring at the Montreal General Hospital, and the other Hospitals in town if we can get access to them. By the kind co-operation of a gentleman fully qualified to make the reports, interesting we are assured of those of the Montreal General Hospital; and either the January or the February number will contain a list of the Licentiates of the Medical Board of Canada West since the year 1850. This as yet has been from want of time, only partially prepared. Our object is to make the Journal useful to every individual member of the Profession in these British American Provinces, and by rendering it to its fullest extent a home production to attach to it every professional man.

But as the Journal will be regarded as the exponent of professional progress in British America, attention will naturally be directed to the original papers which each number may contain, and it is by them that the truest evidence of progress and advancement can be furnished. We feel that, during the year now closed, we have not received that general support in this department which, from past experience, we thought we had a right to presume upon. But we do hope that a more general interest in the original department will in the future be felt by the profession generally, and that it will prove itself a more faithful reflex of what we know is the case, its steady advance in scientific progress.