

PUBLISHERS' DEPARTMENT.

VOLUME XIX.

The publishers issue this, the first number of the Nineteenth Volume of the *NEW DOMINION MONTHLY*, in the confident hope that the coming six months will mark an era of prosperity hitherto unexampled in its history. This magazine was first issued as a pamphlet of sixty-four pages, and disposed of at \$1 per year. Since that time improvement after improvement, and enlargement upon enlargement, have been made, with very little increase in price, until this month the reader is presented with a magazine of ninety-six pages, neatly printed on good paper, and with a beginning showing a fair promise of future excellence in engravings. For the last few months, the improvements shown in the present number were not contemplated without every confidence that the trouble and money expended on them would not be misspent; each monthly return showing the percentage of increase in receipts for subscriptions to be growing larger, evidencing that the *NEW DOMINION MONTHLY* is gaining a place for itself as the Home Magazine of Canada.

Amongst the objects for which this magazine is published, are:—to supply to homes a pure and instructive literature, dealing with both fact and fiction; to assist mothers in training their children, and thus in the most effectual way help to solve the problem of the future of this country; to aid the housekeeper to do her work in the easiest and best manner, and thus make each home it visits more comfortable; to teach the principles of health, that preventable diseases may be avoided; to make home happy for the little folks, by providing them with pleasant reading, pictures, and games; to supply monthly extracts from books sufficient to give the reader remote from libraries a good idea of what is going on in the literary world; and, in a word, to disseminate such literature as will conduce to the welfare of the household from the greatest to the least.

The publishers may be asked: "Why are you continually talking about this matter of circulation, prosperity objects, and increase and decrease?" The answer is easily given. The subject is one of greater importance to the Canadian reading public than to the publishers, for the latter can hardly look forward for years to come for any pecuniary advantage accruing from their venture, and may look back to years of loss, a loss willingly made if the real object of the magazine be obtained. It is their desire to place on a sound footing a Canadian magazine of which this Dominion may well be proud, and the public are greatly interested in promoting their efforts. The publishers believe themselves fortunate in having very many friends who connect their prosperity with their own, and for them more particularly this department is conducted.

VALUABLE TESTIMONY.

Nearly every profession has some peculiar call on it for gratuitous service. The newspapers must notice all charitable projects and give the aid of their notice and approval; the ministers are called upon at all times for all kinds of services; the lawyers often are anxious to take gratuitous cases from generous motives, or to become known as practitioners; but, perhaps, the physicians have calls upon them more exacting than any other class of men. He would be considered hard-hearted, indeed, who would resist the appeals of the penniless because there was no probability of a fee, but, besides such cases, the services of medical men are given to hospitals and such institutions, and they also are expected to "give their opinion" on matters of general importance to the public, such as the sanitary condition of the city or district, or the probability of the public requiring less of the physicians' advice and medicine, if they follow certain distinct and well-defined natural laws.

One of the most important subjects of this class now being brought prominently before the