

TALK OF THE OFFICE.

THIS is a day of Forward Movements, and the MARITIME MEDICAL NEWS is making one. This is the result of a resolution which we made on New Year's Day, reading as follows :

" *Whereas*, it is evident to us that the MARITIME MEDICAL NEWS can be improved ; therefore be it

" *Resolved*, that the MARITIME MEDICAL NEWS be improved."

We did not forget this resolution as soon as it was made, and we *won't* forget it. Every month of the present year we will strenuously adhere to our good resolution. We promise not to be a backslider. ❖

One of our first arrangements looking to this end was to improve the get-up of our journal, and we think our readers will fully appreciate the results. It is costing us more, but then our readers are not asked to pay more, but will have the resulting benefits without further cost. The magazine will be easier to read because of the improved typographical appearance, and because of the change in type measure. Our motive in changing the measure to two columns on a page was to provide greater ease to the eye in following the lines. This measure is used in a great many of the best magazines. ❖

At the same time we undertook to make a change in the manage-

ment which would relieve the editors of the vexatious details incident to the business end. By this arrangement the editors are now able to conduct their editorial work more smoothly. Instead of writing letters, making collections, adjusting difficulties, etc., which has hitherto taken much of their time, they will be able to use the time that has been so consumed, in considering matters relating to the editorial end. The ownership and editorial responsibilities are retained by the old board of editors, but they are happy to report that they have shifted the business worries to other shoulders. We are sure this will also result in improvement. ❖

So far so good. But our efforts will not end with improving the appearance of the NEWS and getting rid of nasty business worries, which should be quite foreign to professional life anyway. We propose bending our energies to the general improvement of the NEWS editorially so that it will the better fulfil its mission. We have taken as our motto "*Altiora petimus*," which, being freely interpreted, meaneth, "A better effort every time." ❖

One thing we wish you to understand is that the *News* is *your* paper. It was founded by a few members of the profession for the