

fact in *post-mortem* examinations, that general paretics have laboured under any form of organic disease in the lungs, yet some distinguished European writers state the concurrence.\*”

The report concludes with the details of some fatal cases with the *post mortem* examinations. Taken altogether this appears to us a most important and interesting document, and illustrates what we have on former occasions alluded to, the value of an institution, under able management, for good in affording relief to a most afflicted class of individuals.

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#### THE DOMINION MEDICAL JOURNAL.

On behalf of the Medical Profession of the Dominion, at least the goodly number of the profession we have among our subscribers, we feel it our duty to ask what is the matter with the *Dominion Medical Journal*. We had not only the high sounding name, but the words of the editor, which promised to supply a want felt throughout the Dominion, while the Province of Ontario was to be particularly blessed by having a record of all matters pertaining to the profession. Under such circumstances we must confess our great surprise that this journal has supplied not one word to the profession about the transactions of the Canadian Medical Association; and although important and repeated meetings of the profession have been held in Toronto and other places, not a single word have we had respecting them. As we said in our notice of this journal when it first appeared, we think there is a field for two medical journals in Canada, and we regret to see this absence of all notice of current Canadian items; indeed, almost absence of editorial matter.

Since writing the above we have received the December number of the journal, which contains the communication which we published in our November number, from Dr. Marsden, as well as a short editorial thereupon. It appears that the *Dominion Journal* has a preference for everything that favours the Ontario Medical Act. But when we read the following we felt no little surprise. The editor says respecting Dr. Marsden's letter: "We felt confident that it just required of the opponents of this Bill to throw aside prejudice and *pecuniary interest*, and listen to those arguments which can be used in its favour to enable them to see clearly the great necessity which existed for the enactment of this wise measure." The only portion of this sentence to which we design to refer is the reference made in italics to pecuniary interest. We

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\* I have recently learned of the death, from consumption, of close relatives of some general paretics.