

Editorial.

PROGRESS OF THE "JOURNAL."

On taking charge of this periodical, in January last, we informed our subscribers that, if properly encouraged, we would "alter the shape, increase the size, and, if then considered advisable, change the name" of the *Journal*. We have, on the whole, met with a fair share of encouragement; nothing like what it ought to have been, when we look at the Medical Register for Ontario; but still the list of subscribers has very materially increased, quite enough to justify a considerable outlay, which we have made with the new volume. To give the *Journal* a more portable form, the size of each page has been slightly reduced, but their number has been increased, so that our readers will be supplied with a much greater amount of reading matter than heretofore, in each number, and as the DOMINION MEDICAL JOURNAL sinks into oblivion, the CANADA LANCET will rise from its ashes with a new lease of life.

We are conscious of many defects in the past volume, and especially of irregularity in the day of publication. This is to a certain extent unavoidable, when the Editors are busily engaged in private practice at the same time; but to remedy it as far as possible, we have increased the editorial staff by the addition of Dr. Fulton, who, with the present volume, will assume the immediate control of the *Journal*. Dr. Fulton's well-known business abilities are a sufficient guarantee for its efficient management, while his high professional attainments will ensure a careful selection of its contents.

In making these efforts, we trust that we will be cordially seconded by the profession at large. We want our country friends to send us in their experience. We are sure there is as much talent in Canada as in either the United States or Great Britain, and quite a large enough clinical field for its development. If practitioners in the country would only keep their case-book half as faithfully as they do their day-book and ledger, the contribution of an interesting paper would be a matter of no difficulty; and such a course would add greatly to the standing of the Canadian profession in the eyes of the world.