

In fulfilment of the promise made in their first issue, the proprietors intend to enlarge and otherwise improve the second volume. They have been induced to this step, from an earnest desire that Canada should possess a journal worthy in every way of the talents and respectability of the medical profession within its limits; and from a firm conviction that there is *esprit de corps* enough among the practitioners of the Province to prevent them sustaining any loss by it. While, therefore, they would tender their thanks to those who have hitherto given them countenance and support, they would express the hope that their friends will interest themselves in obtaining new subscribers to the forthcoming volume. And, in conclusion, they would urge upon those who have not sent in the amount of their subscription for the current year, to do so immediately, as they fully intend to send their journal only to those who pay for it. They are certain that many who have not up to the present discharged their obligations to the Journal, with whose names they are familiar, must have omitted doing so merely through carelessness.

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*New Appointment.*—Dr. Joseph Workman has been appointed Superintendent of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, Toronto.

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*Small Pox.*—We perceive by our exchanges, that small pox has prevailed, and is now prevailing, to a very great extent in different parts of the United States. The almost complete immunity, from the disease, of communities, among whom a wise legislation has made vaccination compulsory, sufficiently indicates the true course to be adopted, if a thorough exemption from this loathsome affection be desired. Dr. Stewart, of New York, has estimated the number of cases of small pox, which have occurred in that city during the last five months, at 5,980; of these, 598 have died. The Toronto Globe has the following extract from a private letter, dated Detroit, April 14, 1854:—"The small pox is raging with fearful destruction among the Indians near Saginaw, Grand River, and Lake Superior. It has rapidly spread, also, among the farmers. At Lansing, the seat of Government, it is very violent. Over 90 cases have occurred on subjects who had been previously inoculated. The heads of the State Departments have left the town. Some thirty clerks in the Departments have been attacked. It seems to have gained an unconquerable form."

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*State of New York Lunatic Asylum.*—We have received the eleventh annual report of the managers of this institution. It appears that the present buildings are not sufficiently large to accommodate the number of applicants for admission. Sixty lunatics were refused during the last year. The erection of another asylum was recommended by Governor