

**MANITOBA, NORTHWEST AND BRITISH COLUMBIA LANCET.**

THE sixth number of the Manitoba, Northwest and British Columbia LANCET is now in the hands of subscribers and the editor takes the opportunity of wishing all his professional brethren the compliments of the approaching season. He thanks those who have supported him in the pioneer effort to establish a medical journal in this part of the Dominion, and regrets that up to the present time the pages of the journal have not admitted of increase, due to the dearth of local matter. Our conferees are very reticent, scattered as they are over the vast district through which the LANCET circulates cases of professional interest must be constantly occurring. The therapeutic action of new drugs are being largely tested, for the profession here are not slow to avail themselves of every known means for the prosecution of their calling. But they fail to give the benefit of their experiences in the only way in which it can prove of general value, namely: in the columns of a medical paper. As in the parable of the talents, they are burying their knowledge. The vast strides which medicine and surgery, especially the latter, have made during a comparatively brief period, is due to the emulation which the ventilation of theories and practice has given rise to. Our art is ever progressive and this progress has been obtained by the interchange of ideas, the detail of experiences. It is by comparison with others prosecuting the same calling that we arrive at a just estimate of our own powers, and it is only by publishing our opinions for the benefit of all, that we can hope to be recognized as workers in our high and noble occupation. It is the opinion of his professional brethren that gives to a man true professional position. Practice he may acquire by a variety

of circumstances; but to take even humble rank among the honored names that adorn the rolls of our profession is to be attained by merit only. By our works are we known. Cases of interest must come from time to time before all practising medical men even though their area of practice be limited and it is a duty they owe to themselves, the profession and the whole human family to record them. We trust that the ensuing year will find the practitioners of Manitoba, the Northwest and British Columbia largely availing themselves of our pages for the above purposes. We would strongly urge, now that the members of our profession are rapidly increasing, that local medical societies and associations should be formed in every district. Both for the advance of professional knowledge as well as for promoting that cohesion and good fellowship amongst our members so largely conducive to the welfare of our body. The medical fraternity is a powerful force when united; correspondingly weak when not pulling together. What the profession may accomplish by united effort was not long since exemplified by the action taken with regard to the English military and naval medical officers. The professors and teachers in the various schools advised their pupils not to prepare for or enter these services until certain grievances were remedied, with the result that the authorities were compelled to give way to secure efficient men for the departments. Another struggle has now been entered upon with regard to the Imperial military medical service, and unquestionably the obnoxious regulations, "generally the whim of the minister who for the time holds the seals of office," will share the same fate. This is a young country—vigorous in its infancy; it promises a mighty maturity, and the medical profession should band them-