

SENSATIONALISM IN PROFESSIONAL JOURNALS.—The praiseworthy effort of the *British Medical Journal* to expose the scandals connected with the notorious massage establishments of the metropolis is somewhat marred by the manner in which the subject is laid before its readers. To the professional man, to whom alone the *British Medical Journal* should appeal, such an exposure would be quite as valuable and conclusive if set forth with somewhat less blatant flourish of trumpets, and if unaccompanied by the accessories of special type and somewhat spun-out details. If the case is a good one, as against many of these establishments it doubtless is, it can answer no good purpose to give this so-called report of the "commission" such a prominence in a periodical which lies on the table of many a public library and scientific institution where others than medical men may be impelled by curiosity to read the details of this, the latest scandal. It is but too likely that such a report, while it damages the business of the honest establishments, gives an additional advertisement to those which it is intended to suppress. In any case, this kind of departure from the sober current of professional news, information, and comment, seems hardly worthy of the official organ of a great association. It suggests the kind of journalism which finds its expression in certain of the evening and Sunday papers, which we hardly look up to as models for our imitation.—*Medical Magazine*.

MUNIFICENT GIFTS TO COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.—Within the last six weeks Columbia University has received gifts for new buildings representing more than a million dollars. In addition to the two buildings at Bloomingdale, for which \$500,000 was given some time ago by, as yet, secret benefactors, provision for a number of buildings for the College of Physician and Surgeons has been made by members of the Vanderbilt family, in the sum of \$350,000. The Vanderbilt clinic on Sixtieth street will be enlarged by the erection of a building five stories high and 100 x 50 feet. Another building, 50 x 80 feet, will be erected on Fifty-ninth street, east of the present main building.

Another important gift in connection with the medical school is one of \$200,000 from Mr. and Mrs. William D. Sloane for the enlargement of the Sloane Maternity Hospital to nearly double its present size. Mrs. Sloane has also agreed to provide the additional money necessary for the maintenance and endowment of the enlarged institution. The new building will have a front of seventy feet on Fifty-ninth street.

These new buildings will completely fill the Fifty-ninth and Sixtieth streets fronts of the block occupied by the medical school, and will provide an equipment for Columbia far in advance of any other American medical school. The architects are already at work on the plans, and construction will be begun without delay. The property and the main building of the College of Physicians and Surgeons were given by the late William H. Vanderbilt; the clinic bearing his name was erected as a memorial by his children; while his daughter, Mrs. Sloane, endowed the maternity hospital.—*Medical News*.