

In Canada there are about 4,500 medical practitioners who use the English language. It is from these that the support to the journal must come. We have often pointed out that the shape of this country is unfavorable to large annual meetings. Much of the country must always be far away from the place of meeting.

The adoption of the rule to make annual fee obligatory may not work well in practice. Many may only wish to pay for the meetings they can attend. Any attempt to go beyond this may have just the opposite effect to what the executive would wish.

If the Canadian Medical Association undertakes to publish an official journal it ought to be one worthy of the association. This will mean the outlay of much money. A good sized journal published regularly comes high. There should be no attempt to go into any such undertaking until there is enough cash on hand.

We gather from our contemporary, *The Canadian Practitioner*, "that the official publication will be quite different from the present medical journals, and will not enter into competition with them." The real question at stake is whether it is wise for the association to enter into the publication of any journal that would prove a heavy drain upon its funds.

So far as THE CANADA LANCET is concerned the Canadian Medical Association may look for every assistance we can give it. We have given up the space at our disposal at all times most cheerfully to advance in any way we could the best interests of the Association. We take the position, and one held by many, that the interests of the Canadian Medical Association will be best served by maintaining a friendly attitude towards it by all the Canadian journals. We do not think there is either the need of nor the room for another regular medical journal in this country. For some years to come we think the Canadian Medical Association can do better with its money.

It has been said that present journals are not of as high a standard as one would wish. It is easy to make such a criticism. The present journals publish the best articles that Canadians are capable of writing, and they give the medical views of the country. We do not see how any new journal could do more.

MEDICAL EDUCATION IN BRITAIN.

There are certain bodies and universities in Britain that teach medical subjects and grant diplomas or degrees. These bodies are recognized by the General Medical Council which registers these diplomas or degrees and thus gives legal status to their holders. Some of these colleges have come to an understanding with the medical council only to grant their diplomas as the result of an examination by a joint board.