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Contributions of various descriptions are invited. We shall be glad to receive from our friends everywhere current medical news of general interest. Secretaries of County or Territorial Medical Associations will oblige by forwarding reports of the proceedings of their Associations.

Editorials.

With this number the ONTARIO MEDICAL JOURNAL begins a new volume, having passed through its year of infancy and grown more sturdy and strong in the cause it was organized for. Last year we attempted and carried out, we think, judging by the expressions of good-will tendered to us, the experiment of supplying free to the Profession a good journal. Now we intend to improve, if possible, and still more serve medical men well. We have made a change in the personnel of the staff, which probably will be found an improvement, the old Associate-Editor having given up the place, and four new men put on. Our readers will also find an entire re-arrangement of matter in the JOURNAL, the "Editorials" being placed first. Following that will be found the "British Columbia News," "Original Communications," "Correspondence," "Book Reviews," "Selections" and "Personals," in order.

DR. SANGSTER'S LETTER.

We publish in this issue a letter from Dr. J. H. Sangster, the Secretary of the erstwhile Medical Defence Association, and in doing so are glad to congratulate him on accepting our offer to have his views placed before that part of the public he is supposed to wish to reach, that is, the medical profession, through the columns of an entirely medical journal.

As will be seen, he has dared us to reproduce his letter in full, and insinuates that we will probably cut it, and only put in extracts to please ourselves. We have ventured in spite of this to make a change in the letter; it is not in composition or style, nor even in the change of a construction, but in orthography, and we plead as an excuse that we so dislike to see in print any such work from such a highly educated man, in his own opinion, as Dr. Sangster is.

The Doctor first waxes eloquent over the action of the Council in connection with the rejection of his son at the examination of 1892. He very evidently has read the reports with the jaundiced eye of a disappointed man, although, from his statements, his disappointment is not due to his son's inability to pass in examination certain subjects in medicine. We, of course, do not disbelieve him when he states that he knew nothing of his son's writing and rejection, or his subsequent application for a revision of his papers; and as for his opinion on his son's capability in the practice of medicine, it is entirely a private matter to be settled between themselves. We, however, do think he is decidedly mistaken as to the reasons for the publicity given to his son's rejection. Young Dr. (?) Sangster insinuated that his rejection was from malice, and if not that, that surely some other writer's papers had been read for his, giving the other man the advantage of his knowledge, and him the disadvanuage of the other's ignorance.