

Canada Medical Association. Perhaps it is better for the Association that no more of its proceedings found their way into print, and you know that you forestalled us again by publishing all that was worth printing; and as for the meetings of the profession in Ontario, we know that the less said about some of them the better.

You complain that this JOURNAL gives none of the current news; but we promise you that as soon as we get the free use of our quills, (as yet not quite grown,) you will have to look out for your laurels in the west.

As you say, we believe there is a field for two medical journals in Canada, and although possibly if there were but one, it might receive a larger circulation than either of the two, yet it is likely the profession will gain by a generous rivalry.

It should not surprise any one that our columns show an absence of editorial matter, when they see how you have absorbed the editorial talent of the Dominion; neither is it a subject for surprise that this journal should have exhibited "a partiality for matter favouring the Medical Act," when there is known to be a large and increasing number of the profession in Ontario, favourable to giving the Act a fair trial, notwithstanding its defects, rather than go before the Legislature in its present spirit, for the amendment of one or two points, when possibly in a year or two, a dozen defects may be discovered.

As for the allusion to "mercenary interests," possibly, owing to matters then transpiring in connection with the transfer of the journal and the collection of accounts, the editor's mind was so occupied with finance, that the expression inadvertently slipped into his editorial. And as for the publication of the Quebec disclaimer, that has already been sent by our more energetic friends in the east to most of our readers; but to make amends for the past and prove how much we appreciate your columns, as well as to satisfy an imperious little imp at our elbow whose cry is "more copy, sir," we will begin anew by transferring from your pages another letter by Dr. Marsden, when we promise that full justice shall be done to future disclaimers.

WE hope our subscribers and others will contribute as much as possible to the Original Department of the JOURNAL. This is a matter in which we can do nothing without the support of the profession, and as it is impossible to communicate with every one personally, we trust the modesty of our country friends will not prevent their sending in, unasked, whatever of interest they may meet with. Some very interesting papers have been promised

by leading men in Toronto, but as we assumed rather unexpectedly the editorial chair, they could not be prepared in time for this number.

IN our next issue we expect to assume the charge of the Review department ourselves, when we intend, if possible, to give a more extended synopsis of the different works noticed, so as to convey some idea of their contents, practical utility, defects, and new methods of treatment advocated or condemned.

THE Executive Committee of the Medical Council is to meet in Toronto during the last week of this month, to complete arrangements for the spring examinations, to be held in Kingston during the first week in April. We believe arrangements are to be made by which the Toronto University and Medical Council examinations shall not interfere with each other.

Reviews and Notices of Books.

ON THE WASTING DISEASES OF INFANTS AND CHILDREN. By ECSTACE SMITH, M. D., London; Member of the Royal College of Physicians; Physician Extraordinary to His Majesty the King of the Belgians, etc., &c. Philadelphia: H. C. Lea. Toronto: Copp, Clark & Co.

This work has been published in the *Medical News and Library* during the past year, and now comes to us neatly bound and well got up. It is a valuable work, inasmuch as it considers these wasting diseases of infants in a condensed and yet sufficiently extended manner to give a full and correct knowledge of the subject. The following subjects are very fully considered:—Simple atrophy from insufficient nourishment; Chronic diarrhoea; Chronic vomiting; Rickets; Congenital syphilis; Worms; Chronic tuberculosis; Chronic pulmonary phthisis, etc.

A TREATISE ON INTRA-OCULAR TUMORS, FROM ORIGINAL OBSERVATIONS AND ANATOMICAL INVESTIGATIONS; (with one chroma-lithographic and fifteen lithographic plates, containing numerous figures.) By H. KNAPP, M. D., late Professor of Ophthalmology, and Surgeon to the Ophthalmic Hospital in Heidelberg. Translated by S. COLE, M.D., Chicago. New York: Wm. Wood & Co. Toronto: Copp, Clark & Co.

This volume is exceedingly interesting, from the fact that it discusses a subject which, to a certain extent, has not been studied by the general practitioner. The first part of the volume is devoted to the consideration of Glioma; the second to Sarcoma, and under these two heads the subject is thoroughly discussed, and well illustrated by plates and cases.