

THE NORTHERN LANCET
AND PHARMACIST.

This number commences the fourth year's issue of THE NORTHERN LANCET. Considerable difficulty has been met with in establishing the Journal and no little expense incurred, owing to the apathetic attitude of the profession throughout the immense district of Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and British Columbia, through which the paper circulates, though it is the only Medical Journal issued between St. Paul and the Pacific. It has, however, through the energy and perseverance of its promoters, under many difficulties, gradually gained ground, and the yearly increase of its subscribers, proves that its pages are appreciated.

Fresh arrangements have been entered into by which THE NORTHERN LANCET will henceforth be issued with a considerable increase of matter. Several pages will be devoted to Pharmacy, which will be under the immediate supervision of Mr. J. F. Howard. The Profession throughout the districts named, are cordially invited to send cases for insertion in the Journal. No favoritism or undue consideration will be shown to any one, the sole object of the Journal is to promote the welfare of the Profession, to protect its rights and privileges, and be the medium for that interchange of ideas by which true progress is alone assured. It is almost unnecessary to dwell on the advantages to the Profession of a local Journal. Though men take many papers, few are without their local newspaper, through it they know what is going on in their midst, and the actions of those they are interested in. So may the medical man take several Journals and yet may know nothing of what is transpiring in his immediate district, unless he numbers the local Journal among

them. The columns of his home paper are always open for the report of his cases. The invasion of quacks in his district, the transgressions in medical ethics, all find prominent notice in the local Journal, and unless the cases be of special interest, these communications will receive but scant consideration from papers at a distance, who have their regular correspondents. Nor, can such Journals be expected to enter into local matters in other spheres far apart from where their interests lies. Every man who has attained to eminence in our profession has been a large contributor to the Journals. "By your fruits are ye known." But if the medical man is content to jog along, locking up the teachings of experience in his own breast, he is unjust to himself, his Profession, and his fellow men, and, with the last sod laid on his grave, the place knows him no more. He is gone and forgotten. We cannot all expect to be Harveys, Hunters, Dupuytren's, Pagets and Jenners, but all, every one, may add his quota to the general advancement of our art, and the present day affords abundant opportunities for so doing. We are yearly deluged with new drugs, and preparations, special therapeutic action claimed for each. The general practitioner has large opportunities for testing their vaunted merits, and his published record would become of infinite value. We are co-workers in a high and noble calling, in a young country of limitless possibilities, let us then join hand in hand, Let the Profession accord its warm support to the local Journal and the NORTHERN LANCET will do its part, and earnestly work in the *true* interest of all. Articles on Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics, together with any Miscellaneous matter should be directed to the EDITOR of THE NORTHERN LANCET, 592 Main street, Winnipeg. All matters relating to Phar-