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It is with a cheering and thankful sense of encouragement, that we commence the second year of our editorial duties. When this Journal was first contemplated and before its actual publication commenced, the opinions expressed regarding the probable support upon which its projectors could rely, were very various and not a little was said to discourage the attempt. Emboldened, however, by a firm confidence in the desire manifested by several, in whose judgment they placed great trust, the effort was made to engage the interest of those for whose benefit it is principally intended; the best evidence of the success of the undertaking, is the extent of our subscription list and the number of original communications which have appeared in the pages of our first volume. We conceive that both may be much extended and we look to the same source for this consummation of our hopes. It should not be forgotten that every well-detailed case of disease and its treatment, is a valuable contribution to medical statistics; and that although it may not be individually of very great importance, it adds to the sum of the data upon which all reasoning must be founded. But it is not alone to a mere accumulation of such data that attention should be principally directed. There is a wide field for original observation in this country. Every practitioner must possess daily opportunities of making the varying phases which disease assumes, under the action of causes peculiar to the climate in which we live, as well as the numerous novel and ever-changing modifying causes which exist, and which exert a most powerful influence over both endemics and epidemics. There is nothing utopian in the idea, that some light may occasionally be thrown upon the etiology of disease by a careful comparison of results in different parts of the province. Indeed we possess evidence in the pages of our present issue that such is the fact. Mr. Jarron's remarks upon the character of endemic fever deserve attentive perusal. It is not our purpose at present to review this paper or to endorse the particular views of its authors—we merely cite it as an example of what may be done towards this desirable end by careful industry. Monographs of this character are always valuable and interesting, and are the best evidence of fruitful study. We would also allude to the article by Dr. Patterson of Embro, page 372, vol. 1, on epidemic dysentery, in which he solicits the Profession to enter upon the investigation of this disease, so formidable in Canada at every age of life,