

woman who had had intercourse with her husband only and had known no other man." He therefore made trial of his own wife first, and afterwards, when he did not recover his sight, he made trial of others differently; and at length having recovered his sight, he collected the women of whom he had made trial except the one by washing in whose urine he had recovered his sight, into one city, and when he had assembled them together, he had them burnt together with the city; but the woman through whose means he recovered his sight he took himself to wife."

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The production of this journal marks a distinct and significant epoch and represents a step in the progress of medical student activity in Johannesburg, and, indeed, in South Africa as a whole. It is the first venture of its kind in this country, and will direct, we feel sure, the attention of the profession as a whole to the work being done at the Medical School by its teachers, graduates and undergraduates.

As far as the student is concerned, the journal provides him with a medium for the expression of opinion on matters concerning his course and kindred interests. From some of the letters and articles published herein, it will be seen that advantage has already been taken of this, in one direction at least. The conditions at present prevailing in the new operating theatres, as far as the surgical dresser is concerned, are far from satisfactory. He is no longer able to observe the intimate details of a surgical operation as well as he had previously been able to do. The time he spends there is wasted.

Student opinion is reflected very clearly in this direction.

In the second place this journal strives to keep graduates in touch with the affairs and student life at the Medical School. Hitherto our graduates have gone to various and distant places in the country and have, to all intents and purposes, become lost to us. This was most unfortunate, yet unavoidable. We hope to bring back their interest in their old School by means of this journal, and to keep them interested in our work as we most assuredly will always be in theirs. Furthermore, we aim to provide them with a medium for recording interesting observations made during the course of practice. No doubt, the work of their predecessors in this direction will act as a valuable incentive to those still pursuing their routine studies.

Again, a system of exchanges, whereby this journal will be exchanged for the official organs of medical schools abroad, is being introduced. This will give students here an insight into the politics and activities of their colleagues overseas, which is bound to react beneficially on their own views and work.

Finally, in each issue a number of articles on important medical subjects, written by our teachers, will be published. These will place before the student and young practitioner the essentials of the subjects dealt with and will be presented in a form commensurate with their needs.

The response to invitations to students to contribute to this journal has been most gratifying, considering that this is the first occasion on which they have been asked to write for a medical publication; although their efforts have been directed mainly to the humorous side of their work, no doubt, having once gained confidence, their writings will in the near future extend in other directions.