The first volume of the Edinburgh Medical Journal is now in the hands of the public. It has been the earnest desire of the Editor to approach as nearly as possible to the standard of excellence held out at the commencement of his labours; but, after the experience of a year, he is compelled to state that he has not yet succeeded in realizing his ideal of what the work should really be.

For this result he is not wholly to blame, as the unprecedented supply of Original Communications, which has been kindly placed at his disposal, has necessitated the curtailment of the Periscopic section to less than its former limits. During the early numbers of the Second Volume, ample compensation will be made for this deficiency.

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