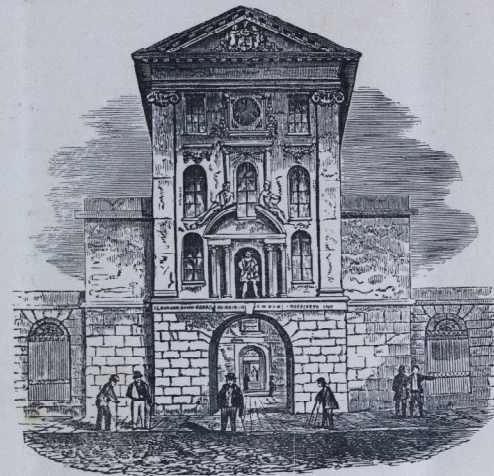


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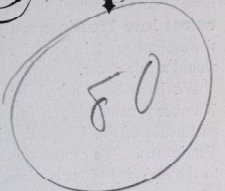
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**A**T the commencement of a new year it is always fitting to stop and glance round,—to look at our past, and as a result of its consideration, to picture in our imagination a future which shall be better both negatively and positively than our immediate past has been.

This number begins the third year of the JOURNAL'S existence, and is the twenty-fifth number that has been issued. During the whole of the JOURNAL'S existence there has been an uninterrupted increase in the subscribers' list, and if the contributors' list has not increased proportionately it is perhaps because contributions have not been sought with sufficient pertinacity, and because the size of the JOURNAL is limited to thirty-two columns. The great interest that old Bart.'s men have taken in it has always been a source of joy to the Editorial Staff, and will, we trust, be even greater in the future than it has been in the past.

Without doubt the Amalgamated Clubs have no cause to regret their venture, when after long and weary consideration they decided that it was their place to produce a "St. Bartholomew's Hospital Journal."

Still, amid the many details in our retrospection which give us pleasure, there are on the other hand many which we look back upon with regret,—efforts that have not been followed by success. Of these, standing out most clearly, is our attempt to improve the clinical news in the JOURNAL. This attempt dates from the earliest days of the JOURNAL, and was accentuated by an editorial in July, 1894; but little if any success has attended it.

As we remarked in the editorial referred to, no one man can see more than a very small portion of the clinical work of the Hospital. We quote two paragraphs, since they express our exact meaning. "Frequently when going round the wards with a Surgeon or Physician, one hears the remark, 'This is a most interesting case,' or one's attention is drawn to some especially interesting feature of an otherwise common case, such, for example, as an unusual combination of symptoms, or some departure from the course generally followed by such cases. Those men who are fortunate enough to be present at the time will probably make such a case the subject of a conversation with their friends at lunch, or while sitting round the fountain, and thus a limited publicity is given to a small proportion of the cases. . . . If the dresser or clerk of each case belonging to the class we have mentioned were to write a short account, not necessarily of the whole case, but of the specially interesting feature of it, and send it to the Cloak Room, addressed to the Editor, we on our part would gladly print it, and as a result the usefulness of the JOURNAL would be materially enhanced."

We would add here that a little stimulation from the house surgeons and house physicians would do much to secure our object. Many of the dressers and clerks would, we are sure, willingly send a note to the JOURNAL if they were only reminded of its existence at the time they were writing the notes of the case.

Another source of regret is the paucity of news of old Bart.'s men. Again and again we have emphasised our request that old Bart.'s men would forward us any news as regards their own doings or those of other old Bart.'s men with whom they are in touch. Certainly there has lately