

our selections, that as far as possible it should be thoroughly practical in its character, and we feel that to a very large extent we have carried out this idea; indeed were we so inclined we could extract from the letters of many of our subscribers numerous compliments upon the large amount of valuable practical information which they have been able to glean from our pages. As we have conducted the *Record* for the past three years, so will it be conducted in the future, and we ask the cordial assistance of our friends to extend our circulation. We have but few subscribers, who have it not in their power to induce a brother practitioner to take our *Record*. We ask them to do it. Let us hear from you, in time that new subscribers may commence with volume four.

ZIEMSEN'S CYCLOPEDIA OF THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE.

We have received Volume three of this most interesting and valuable work from its American publishers, Messrs W. Wood & Co of New York. We will notice it in our next issue.

We inclose receipts in this number to all who have remitted to us since the issue of our May number.

TO CONTRIBUTORS.

Our third volume will soon be completed, and as we look over the names of those who have placed us, during the past year, under obligations for the contribution of original communications, we find that they have nearly all been residents of Montreal. While we feel proud that those who know us best, should have selected the *Record* as the means of reaching the profession, and thankful for the assistance which they have thus afforded us, yet we cannot help the conviction forcing itself upon us that very valuable contributions to practical medicine are being lost by the absolute lethargy of the mass of our country practitioners. This should not be. They owe it to the profession at large; they owe it to themselves—that interesting cases, and clinical facts occurring in their experience should be recorded. The reporting of cases causes closer observation on the part of the physician, and this largely increases his keenness of perception. Let our Country subscribers waken up, forward their communications, and we will be glad to lay them before the profession.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

In our last issue, we inclosed accounts to a large proportion of our subscribers. Those who did not receive them with that number of the *Record* will find them inclosed in the present one. As the amount to each is very small, and yet in the aggregate to us a very large sum, we respectfully ask a *prompt* remittance.

A few will find that their accounts extend from the first issue of the *Record*, and for them we have a few special words. We have continued to send the *Record* to these delinquent subscribers because in nearly every instance we either personally knew the parties or had reason to believe that it was purely neglect that the subscription was not paid. We have now come to a point when we must clearly understand one another. We have supplied them with the *Record* for the past three years, and paid thirty-six cents postage for each subscriber. We cannot continue to do it any longer. We therefore respectfully intimate that all subscribers who owe for the three volumes of *Record* will have their names erased from our list, unless they remit previous to the issue of the first number of volume four. After that date all unpaid, three years accounts will be placed in the proper quarter to secure prompt payment.

THE MONTREAL WATER SUPPLY.

The water which has been furnished the citizens of Montreal during the past few months has been filthy in the extreme. That such fluid, dark with dirt, should be supplied by any Civic Government to its people, is a disgrace to our boasted civilization. The remedy—filtration—is not expensive, and should be adopted without delay. Settling ponds, which have been spoken about, will not, in our opinion, answer the purpose, and higher authority than ours we know holds similar views.

OUR DUSTY CITY.

Montreal people are in dry weather almost smothered with dust, and in rainy weather they can hardly travel the streets for the mud. Two extremes, these are indeed—and neither are at all satisfactory. Of the two, perhaps the latter is the best able to be borne—for in a carriage you can bid it defiance; but the dust penetrates everywhere, and is so thick on the streets as to look like we had at some time had a fall of dust from the clouds. Moreover it is unhealthy. We have seen, this spring, a large number of sore eyes—simple conjunctivitis—caused by it, principally among those compelled to drive much; also several