

Record, and new subscribers will be furnished from the present issue to the close of the Volume, at \$1.00.

With the present number, we send accounts to all our City subscribers. Next month they will be forwarded to our subscribers in the country. To all we wish the compliments of the season.

AN ANTI-VACCINATION MOVEMENT.

We had hoped that, after the utterly complete and disgraceful route which the corporals guard of English anti-vaccinationists received at the hands of the committee of the British House of Commons, appointed to investigate their complaints, no men possessed of ordinary common sense would again be found, raising their standard. We have, however been mistaken, and once more has the old proverb "that it takes queer people to make a world," been aptly illustrated. In the city of Montreal, where, above all other places in Canada, that we know of, the value of vaccination and re-vaccination has been proved, Dr. Coderre has found followers who have actually been bold enough to petition Parliament lately in session at Quebec, for a repeal of the compulsory vaccination act. That the medical man whose name we have just mentioned should take this course does not the least surprise us, but we confess that we are more than astonished to find the name of L. A. Jetté, the recently elected member for East Montreal, among the petitioners. That section of the city was the local of eighty per cent. of the cases of small-pox, which occurred last winter, and the intelligent people of Montreal know the reason why. It is sadly out of taste for the newly elected member, even before he has taken his seat, to place himself in the front rank to oppose that which the scientific intelligence of the world has pronounced beneficial. It is certainly a blot upon our escutcheon, that any representative of our city should attempt to lead a movement, which, should it succeed—of which there is not, we are glad to say, the remotest chance—would throw us back three quarters of a century in the march of civilization. And this too from a liberal candidate, a member of the great party of union and progress. A queer world indeed, in which queer terms are used to designate political parties.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A communication, signed *A Young Physician*, is received, but cannot be inserted till we receive the author's name. This is an invariable rule, and will not be deviated from.

CYANO-PANCREATINE.

We very willingly draw the attention of the profession to the preparation which bears the above name, and for which Messrs. Evans, Mercer & Co. are the wholesale agents. It is prepared by the Sisters of the Grey Nunnery, and is really a very elegant and valuable preparation in those diseases, for which it is specially recommended.

PERSONAL.

Dr. C. W. Covernton of Simcoe, member of the Ontario Medical Council for the territorial division of Gore and Thames, was in Montreal, the middle of December. He visited the various Medical Institutions of the City, and met a few medical friends at lunch at the residence of a prominent practitioner.

Dr. Proudfoot, graduate of McGill University, intends establishing himself in Montreal, as an oculist.

Reviews.

LITHOTOMY AND LITHOTRITY.—Illustrated by cases in the practice of Gordon Buck, M.D., Visiting Surgeon to the New York Hospital and Presbyterian Hospital; Consulting Surgeon to the Roosevelt Hospital and St. Luke's Hospital. P. 59. 1872. New York, William Wood & Co., 27 Great Jones Street: Montreal, Dawson Brothers.

As the author observes: "Lithotomy and lithotripsy are the two principal methods upon which surgeons rely for the removal of calculus from the urinary bladder. Other methods have only a special and very limited application, and are scarcely taken into account in deciding the question of the choice of methods." In reading the excellent little monograph by Dr. Buck, this choice is much facilitated. The author is not prejudiced in favor of either method, but divides his cases into several groups, which he treats accordingly: the first, "comprising cases in which the moderate size of the calculus, and a favorable condition of the urethra and bladder, as also of the general system; indicated lithotripsy as preferable to lithotomy;" the second being "cases where the stone was large, though soft; the bladder healthy; and the urethra capacious—a concurrence of circumstances permitting the successful employment of lithotripsy;" the third group comprising "cases in which, from the unfavorable condition of the bladder or urethra, or from the large size and hard composition of the calculus, lithotomy should be resorted