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We received the first number of the Compendium, and gave at the time an editorial notice of the work. The second number is in the press, and will appear during the course of this month. It has met deservedly with a cordial reception from the profession of the United States and Canada. It fills a void in American Medical Literature, as the selections are in a great measure taken from American Medical Periodicals. The foreign abstracts are content in selections from a few only of American journals, thus practically ignoring many of the best writers on this side of the Atlantic.

The Compendium contains about 300 royal octavo pages, printed on good paper and clear type. It is to be hoped that the profession will heartily support this undertaking. The subscription is \$3 per annum, and each part will be found to contain the cream of American Medical Periodical Literature, together with liberal selections from foreign journals.

In the early part of June last, amputation of the foot (Chopart) was performed at the Marine and Emigrant Hospital, Quebec, by Dr. Landry. The patient was brought under the anæsthetic influence of Protoxide of Nitrogen by Dr. Pourtier of that city. This is the first time, we believe, in Canada, that this agent has been used as an anæsthetic, during the performance of a major surgical operation.

Personol.—We understand that Dr. Lizars, of Toronto, late of the *Toronto School of Medicine*, has been elected professor of Surgery and Surgical Anatomy in the *University of Philadelphia*.

Dr. Lizars, who, we believe, is a nephew of the distinguished Lizars of Edinburgh, ranks among the most skilful Surgeons of Canada.

Dr. Canniff, who for several years was professor of General Pathology and Surgery in Victoria University, the Medical Department of which is in Toronto, has resumed the chair of Surgery.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We cannot publish any anonymous communications. A communication signed "A." is for this reason withheld.

Dr. Phillip, of Plattsville, Ont., has our thanks for his kind interest in