

### LECTURESHIP ON ANÆSTHETICS.

THE following notice appeared lately in the *Philadelphia Polyclinic*:

"Dr. W. Oakley Hermance has been appointed instructor in the administration of anæsthetics in the Philadelphia Polyclinic, and anæsthetizer to the Polyclinic Hospital. The faculty and trustees recognize the growing sentiment among the profession that the administration of anæsthetics should be entrusted to skilled hands only, and in providing for proper instruction of the incoming residents of the hospital, they at the same time afford an opportunity to the pupils of the college to gain similar knowledge and experience."

At last we have it. The appointment of a lecturer on how anæsthetics should be administered is certainly a great step in advance. There is no duty which a physician has to perform which requires such care and attention as the administration of ether or chloroform, and in these days of advancing surgery it would prove a perfect boon to the student to have, even during his last year at college and just before he obtains his diploma, a course of lectures on this subject, where he would be taught just what precautions should be exercised in this regard. We hope that it will not be long before this worthy example will be followed in our own country, so that it will not be necessary for the student to get the knowledge in a post-graduate or polyclinic school, which he ought to have obtained before his graduation. W. A. Y.

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### MANY THANKS!

WE have already received over thirty replies to a typewritten letter, addressed to the prominent medical journals of the United States and Canada, and sent by concurrent mail, with a copy of THE CANADIAN JOURNAL OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY. The writers all express kind wishes for our success, and agree to exchange with us. We have also heard complimentary remarks, and have received by letter, favorable notices on the typographical appearance and literary quality of our journal.

We are much indebted to our confreres of the medical press for their kindly expressions. By devoting both time and study to the