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APPRECIATED.

The following cheering words are from Dr. Buchanan of St. Lawrence, New York State: "There is no more welcome visitor each month than the CANADA MEDICAL RECORD. There is not one number that does not repay the cost of the RECORD for the whole year. I have received information in some that has been very valuable to me." Our correspondent also approves of our efforts to raise the standard of medical education to a five years' course. We would be very pleased if more of our subscribers would send us a few words of encouragement and also report some of their cases, many of which would be of the greatest interest not only to us but to our many readers. We shall not be satisfied until we shall have developed a correspondence department in which practitioners may exchange their experiences especially in their daily work. We again repeat an invitation therefore to our readers to drop us a line for publication on matters of general interest to the profession, which will find a welcome place in our columns.

NEWS ITEMS.

THE INTER-CONTINENTAL (OR PAN)
AMERICAN MEDICAL CONGRESS.

In July last Dr. James F. W. Ross, of Toronto, was appointed the Executive Committee-man for British North America.

Foreign Executive Committee-men are expected to organize the profession in their respective countries in the interest of the Congress.

They are asked to

- (1) Nominate one vice-president for the Congress.
- (2) Nominate one secretary for each section of the Congress.
- (3) Appoint auxiliary committee-men in local medical societies, or in considerable towns and cities where no medical societies exist.

Dr. Ross, we are pleased to state, has his district, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, well in hand. Many of the selections have been made, and when the list is completed the names will be published. Dr. J. Graham, of Toronto, has been nominated for a vice-president, and he, with several others, has assisted Dr. Ross in making the Ontario selections. Drs. F. J. Shepherd and Lachapelle, of Montreal, and Ahern, of Quebec, have given valuable assistance in the Quebec selections; and Dr. Muir, of Truro, Nova Scotia, has done similar work for the Maritime Provinces. These auxiliaries are nominated for the purpose of creating an interest in the Congress among the members of the profession in each city, town, or district. To them will be sent all the official literature printed from time to time by the Committee on Permanent Organization. In his letter to those nominated Dr. Ross says: "I have endeavoured to secure progressive practitioners of good standing in the profession. The congress will be composed of members of the medical profession living in the 'western hemisphere.' It is the first time that Canadians have been asked to take an official part in any American congress of medical men."

Professor Pepper, of Philadelphia, has been elected president of the Congress, and he has never yet done anything by halves. Under his leadership, the Pan-American Congress will be a great scientific union of professional brethren—each of them a link in a chain extending from pole to pole.

This will be the first Pan-American Congress, but its success will no doubt necessitate other similar meetings in the near future. The meeting will be held in the year of the Columbian Exhibition, 1893. Washington has been selected as the place of meeting, and the time appointed is the first Tuesday in October.—*The Canadian Practitioner.*