

Medicine. As regards the future we will not make any loud sounding promises, but simply say that we will endeavor to improve upon the past. In one thing we have improved already, and that is the quality of the paper on which the *Record* is printed. This increases our expenses, but we confidently look to our friends to aid us. If each subscriber would only get one friend to subscribe for the *Record*, we would very soon be in a position to make still further improvements. Will our friends take the hint.

TO DELINQUENT SUBSCRIBERS.

We are glad to say that there are very few names on our subscription list to whom the term which heads this paragraph can be applied. Still there are a few, between forty and fifty, and as we have just glanced over these names, we are convinced that it is simply a matter of neglect. Still the neglect is of a kind which does not agree with us, and which these very men don't find to agree with them when it is practised by their patients. The price at which the *Record* has been placed is so low that we cannot afford to supply it for two years upon credit. We therefore respectfully ask those who have not yet sent their subscription to do so at once. We enclosed in the last number bills to all who were indebted to us. Those who have remitted will find their receipts enclosed in this issue.

We again have to request those who have received accounts, and not remitted the small amount of their annual subscription, to do so at once. To each the amount is exceedingly small, but in the aggregate it is considerable. We also beg to state that we do *not* take greenbacks at *par*. We make this announcement because several of our subscribers residing over and near the lines have remitted either the whole or a portion of their subscriptions in American funds. Those who have remitted since our last issue will find their receipts enclosed in the present number.

THE CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Canadian Medical Association met in St. John, New Brunswick, on the 6th August, and elected Dr. William Marsden, of Quebec, its President for the ensuing year. We will give a synopsis of its proceedings in our next issue. In the meantime we congratulate Dr. Marsden upon

the position to which he has been elected. As one of its early, if not earliest promoters, the honor was justly his due.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

C. J. M., Amherst, Nova Scotia—Will write some time during August.

M. D., Harvard University—Under the degree you possess you are unable to obtain a license to practice in Canada. Attend one full course at a Canadian Medical School, graduate, and the degree you then obtain will entitle you to a license. All the Medical Schools in the Dominion open about the same time, viz., the 1st of October.

S. C. complains that he finds among his patients quite a number who don't pay him, and from whom he cannot collect anything. Recently he has learned from a medical friend that many of these people patronised him in a similar way in his earlier years. Our correspondent asks what he is to do. We reply that the evil he complains of is a gigantic one—and the only remedy that we can suggest is the preparation by medical Societies, wherever they exist, of a Black Book, into which any member can enter the names of his defaulting patients. We could add a couple of well filled pages. The evil is one that is growing, especially in places where medical men are numerous, and where as a rule patients are grabbed, and no questions asked. We ourselves know a prominent person in Montreal—who has a considerable family of children—all of whom have been brought into the world by various medical men of good position, not one of whom have received a single cent as an honorarium. This should not be—merchants protect themselves by Mercantile Agencies, and we confess we don't see why medical men should not protect themselves by means of a Black list. It has been adopted in several places in the Western States, and is said to work very satisfactorily.

We have received two other notes, making enquiries, but as they have reached us late and they require some consideration before replying, we defer them to our next number.

We have received several numbers of a new medical paper published in Kingston, Ont., by Dr. Neish, under the title of the *Medical Times*. It is issued weekly at \$2.00 a year, and consists of eight pages. We wish it every success.