

of such men as Agnew, Bigelow, Hamilton, Da Costa, Pepper, Mitchell, Loomis, Bowditch, Billings, Dalton, Martin, Leidy, Lusk, Thomas, Barker, Jacobi, Wood, Bartholow, and others who remain irreconcilable. Bombast and bluster will not cover up the disagreeable truth which is quite evident to outsiders, if not to Dr. Brodie, that, unless the present executive of the Congress patch up this unseemly quarrel, the meeting of next year is doomed to failure. The recent attempts to effect a compromise do not appear to have been successful, and we can assure Dr. Brodie that, if matters remain as they are, "the most perfect and elaborate arrangements" will avail but little to attract foreigners in the absence from the sections of such a number of the men who have made American medicine and surgery what it is to-day. We sincerely trust that at the next meeting of the American Medical Association steps may be taken to secure the needful harmony, without which, we repeat, it would be better to abandon the Congress.

THE ANTI-VACCINATION LEAGUE.

We received a few days ago the prospectus of the "Canadian Anti-Compulsory Vaccination League." From the name we would imagine that the object of the Society was only to resist compulsory vaccination, but on reading further we find, also, the "object and purposes of the League is (*sic*) to enlighten the public mind on the fallacies and perils of vaccination." There is the usual howl about the natural rights of man and liberty. *Right* to give smallpox to their neighbors, and *Liberty* to send thousands to an early grave. Why, they might as well advocate the right of any man to set fire to his house, and so, perchance, destroy the property of his neighbors; but it is useless to argue with such people. Their disbelief in vaccination does not arise from evidence, and so will not yield to evidence. Partial statistics from the Civic Hospitals are given of smallpox in the vaccinated and unvaccinated which are utterly unreliable, and garbled extracts are quoted from certain works on medicine. They are careful not to give any statistics of the comparative mortality from smallpox in the vaccinated and unvaccinated. The usual ridiculous assertion is made that vaccination during