

are being paid at the rate of 15s. per day. On refusing such a preposterous offer, the doctors in question, the writer says, were abruptly dismissed without a word of thanks.

FOR EARACHE.

Apply 6 per cent. solution of cocaine or 20 per cent. solution of carbolic acid in glycerin.

In St. Petersburg, cholera stools are emptied into huge cauldrons, and boiled. Examination made after boiling shows that the stools are thereby completely sterilized.

Arrangements have now been completed whereby certain of the wards of the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary will be open to lady medicals as soon as the winter session commences. Two wards will be reserved for their exclusive use: in the one, surgical cases will be treated and clinics given by Dr. J. M. Cotterill; in the other, formerly a nurses' dormitory, Dr. Byrom Bramwell will give the ladies instruction in medicine.

ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF THE MILITIA OF CANADA.

We are glad to learn that a most encouraging beginning has been made in the formation of this Association, which promises to promote, through the medical service, the general efficiency of the Canadian Militia. It was started by a circular letter, issued from Toronto in April last, which found a ready response in all parts of the Dominion, including Nova Scotia and British Columbia, so that a most successful first annual meeting was held in the Canadian Military Institute, Toronto, in June. After the adoption of a constitution and by-laws, several important military medical papers were read and discussed at the meeting.

It will interest many in this country to learn that the constitution of the Association is wide and varied, and aims, very properly we think, at an Imperial connection; it will undoubtedly find hearty sympathy and support in its laudable aspirations from the medical services in all parts of the empire.

The office-bearers are an honorary president, a president, vice-presidents for each province, with executive committees, treasurer, and secretaries. With head-quarters at Toronto branches may be established in each military district of the Dominion. The ordinary membership consists of active members holding commissions in the active militia of Canada, associates, medical officers of the navy, army, or auxiliary forces in any part of Her Majesty's dominions; honorary—gentlemen distinguished in civil or military hospital practice, or who

may signally assist the objects of the Association; and lastly, members by invitation, consisting of officers of Her Majesty's forces throughout the empire or officers of foreign powers.

The objects are no less comprehensive than the constitution of the Association; first, naturally, for the development of a departmental *esprit de corps*, and the discussion of medical matters concerning the militia; secondly, for the discussion of military matters generally from a medical point of view; lastly, for the reading of papers on military medicine and surgery, hygiene, organization and equipment.

The Association has not come into existence without very good reasons, nor before it was wanted, for the Canadian militia medical service is still in a crude regimental form without departmental unity, cohesion or weight, and altogether said to be in a highly unsatisfactory state.

We gather that the medical officers suffer from ill-regulated conditions of service and want of due army status, while the field ambulance and hospital services are defective in organization and equipment. We will watch with interest the efforts of the Association to effect reforms in these directions, but fear it will meet with the same kind of passive resistance and active opposition as we have faced under similar circumstances at home, for we learn it is pretty certain to encounter the shallow self-sufficient Imeger spirit which affects to be above medical advice, or, as they say in America, thinks it "knows it all."

If we can render any service or support in furthering its laudable endeavors we shall be most pleased to do so.—*British Medical Journal*.

RAILWAY SURGERY AT THE PAN-AMERICAN MEDICAL CONGRESS.

A section of Railway Surgery of the Pan-American Medical Congress has been organized with Dr. C. W. P. Brock of Richmond, Virginia, as Executive President. A full list of officers has been provided for each of the constituent countries. At the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Wabash Railway Surgical Association—the first organization of the kind—Dr. C. B. Stemen of Fort Wayne was by unanimous resolution requested to prepare a paper on "Organized Railway Surgery," and read the same before the Section on Railway Surgery of the Pan-American Medical Congress. At the same meeting Dr. Hal. C. Wyman of Detroit offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, that each member of this Association solicit his Congress-man to interest himself in legislation in favor of the Pan-American Medical Congress.