

sades. After the Crusades, the Order was divided into several branches. The Order was revived in England in 1865, and received a royal charter of incorporation in 1888. The Prince of Wales is Grand Prior, and the Duke of York, Sub Prior. The Secretary-General is Lord Amherst. It embraces many of the most distinguished officers in the army, navy and auxiliary forces, and members of the medical profession, who have rendered signal services to the sick and wounded in war. It still carries on philanthropic work, maintaining the British Ophthalmic Hospital at Jerusalem, and the St. John's Ambulance Association in England. The only other member of the Order in Canada is Dr. Douglas, V.C., now living at Lakefield, Ont. Dr. Ryerson owes his selection to a recommendation made by Lieut.-General Sir Fred. Middleton, for his meritorious services in the North-West, and for the active interest he has taken in ambulance work. The badge of the Order is a silver Maltese cross, with eight points hung on a black-watered silk ribbon. It is to be worn in uniform. It is rumoured that Dr. Ryerson will be offered the command to the "St. George's Rifles" now being formed in this city.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

There will be seventeen territorial representatives in the new Council. The elections will take place some time after the meeting in June, 1894.

The fall examination takes place in September. This is but fair, as twelve months is too long for a student to wait who has failed only in one or two subjects. The advertisement of the College in reference to the examination may be found on page iii.

While the newly arranged constituencies are not as equitable an arrangement as we would like to see—some having not nearly half the number of practitioners in them as others—yet they will be more compact, and will bring the members more easily in communication with one another.

A lengthy discussion took place on the report of the Finance Committee, and especially that portion of the report referring to the renewal of the con-

tract with the ONTARIO MEDICAL JOURNAL Publishing Company. The Council were almost unanimous in their opinion that the contract should be renewed, but desired that they should not be held responsible for articles or opinions expressed.

The proceedings of the first three days of the Medical Council were given in the June issue. As the last day was taken up largely with reports of committees, many of them very lengthy, we have not thought it wise or economical to publish the balance in this month's issue of the JOURNAL. As the Announcement of the College will be out about the 10th of August, and under our contract with the Council, the full report must appear in it, we refer our readers for the balance of the report to the Announcement.

Correspondence.

The Editors do not hold themselves in any way responsible for the views expressed by correspondents.

FREE MEDICAL ATTENDANCE

To the Editor of ONTARIO MEDICAL JOURNAL.

SIR,—In the issue for Saturday, January 14th, of the Toronto *Globe*, almost half a page of advertisement was used by the Independent Order of Foresters, to set forth the claims of this, so-called, charitable Society upon the patronage of the public.

With a great flourish it announced that it had half a million to its credit in the Bank, and, a little further on, it offered as one of the principal inducements to join the Order, "Free Medical Attendance."

From the figures published, if correct, any one may see that the Order is increasing in membership. This increase, in the light of the offer of free medical attendance, concerns the medical profession somewhat seriously. Whose labour, given all but gratuitously, is thus being offered "free" by a wealthy corporation? Certainly not the labour of the officers of the Society whose photographs embellished the advertisement. It is the labour of the lodge-doctor, who agrees to serve as physician for a dollar per annum for each member.

Let me say that the membership of this society