

In 1864, at the Geneva convention, real progress was made and a code agreed upon for the regulation of the surgical and ambulance corps of opposing armies. In 1906 thirty-five countries agreed upon rules for the treatment of the wounded, both by land and sea. The Red Cross Society, while it has its own surgeons, nurses and ambulance service, co-operates with the army in the field.

In the South African war the Canadian Red Cross Society expended \$100,000 in the care and relief of the sick and wounded. In the present war the proportions are so gigantic that every effort must be put forth to meet the needs of the case. At the time of the South African war there were about 5,000 Canadians in the field. In the present war over 30,000 have gone to the front, and these may be followed by many more.

Great credit is due those who are working so hard in this splendid field of usefulness; and in this connection we specially mention Col. Dr. G. S. Ryerson.

In Shakespeare's day war was but in its infancy as compared with to-day, and yet his clear eye saw its horrors. In King John he tells us:

This day hath made
Much work for tears in many an English mother,
Whose sons lie scattered on the bleeding ground.
Many a widow's husband grovelling lies,
Coldly embracing the discolored earth.

It is for such as these that the Red Cross Society brings help. In Homer's Iliad we find these words:

Lulling the pain with force of soothing charm,
Refreshing drinks he gave, or grateful salve
Unto their wounds applied; employed the balm
To raise up others from their bed of pain.

And Shakespeare once more:

O, heavens! Can you hear a brave man groan,
And not relent, or not compassion him?

ELECTION TO ONTARIO MEDICAL COUNCIL.

Notice has been sent out that nominations for election to the Medical Council of Ontario are in order, and the time for receiving such will close on 13th November, at the hour of 2 o'clock p.m. For information write to the Registrar, Dr. J. L. Bray.