

RICHARD HARDING DAVIS took his pen in hand awhile ago and wrote for *The New York Herald* an article describing a laparotomy performed on the cruiser *New York*. It was thrilling to the lay mind ; it was bloody ; it was a lurid picture, painted by a fleeting pen in the hands of an accomplished but over-enthusiastic and highly imaginative novelist. Mr. Davis said, in describing events after the operation, that the patient, lying on a cot, opened his eyes and saw the surgeons standing about him with arms covered with blood up to the elbows. Then he added that the operating table "dripped with blood." Surely these be bleeding war times, but we hope the *New York* recovered.—*Buffalo Medical Journal*.

DR. JOHN N. E. BROWN.—Dr. Brown left Toronto, July 29th, for the Yukon District, where he expects to remain for some time, having received an important appointment on the staff of Mr. Ogilvie, the administrator of that territory. He graduated in the University of Toronto in 1892, and during the following year was one of the resident staff of the Toronto General Hospital. Since 1893 he has practised in this city, and during these years has made for himself a host of friends, who, while they are ready to congratulate him on his appointment, regret exceedingly his departure from their midst. Before leaving several entertainments were held to do him honor and bid him God-speed. Among these probably the most memorable was that given by Dr. W. H. B. Aikins at his residence, July 27th, a large number of Dr. Brown's friends being present. We desire, on behalf of THE CANADIAN PRACTITIONER staff, to thank Dr. Brown for many acts of kindness and courtesy, and much valuable assistance rendered during his residence in Toronto, and, at the same time, we offer him our kindest wishes, and hope that health, happiness and prosperity may attend him in his new sphere.

THE ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.—The following is the text of the Royal Warrant forming the Royal Army Medical Corps, which the Secretary of State for War has courteously sent us for publication :

VICTORIA, R.I.

Whereas We have deemed it expedient to alter in certain respects the conditions under which the officers employed upon the medical duties of Our Army are at present serving ;

Our will and pleasure is that the officers below the rank of surgeon-major-general serving in Our Army Medical Staff shall be formed into a corps, together with the warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of Our Medical Staff Corps ;

It is Our further will and pleasure that the designation "Medical Staff Corps" shall be abolished, and that the corps formed as above-mentioned shall be styled "The Royal Army Medical Corps."

The following alterations will consequently be made in the ranks of the medical officers of Our Army :