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The first annual meeting will be held June 2nd at the Canadian Military Institute, when an interesting programme will be presented. So far as we can learn the following are the papers which will be read.

A paper on "The Experiences of a Surgeon during the American War," by Dr. Canniff, late Royal Artillery ; Surgery during the Franco-Prussian War, 1870-71," by Dr. Warren 2nd Dragoons ; "Hygiene of Camps," by Dr. McCrimmon, 20th Halton Rifles ; "Gunshot Injuries of the Brain," by Dr. Daniel Clark, late surgeon U.S.A.

A discussion will take place upon "The present condition of the Militia Medical Service, and what should be done to render it more efficient." In the evening the ambulance corps of the Royal Grenadiers under Assistant Surgeon King, will practically illustrate the ambulance drill and handling of the wounded in war. At the same time the competition for the prizes offered by Surgeon Ryerson for the best and smartest detachment of the corps will take place.

An invitation will be sent to the executive of the Association of Surgeons of the National Guard of the U.S. to attend the annual meeting in June.

Such an organization cannot but be productive of good, and from the names of the officers we augur for it a useful future.

PERSONAL.

To the Editor of the CANADA LANCET.

SIR,—There having appeared in the *Templar* of March 31st, a paper published in Hamilton and the organ of the Royal Templars in Canada, a portrait and laudatory notice of myself, containing statements that are a gross violation of good taste and professional ethics, I am required by the Council of the Toronto Medical Society, to repudiate through the Medical Journals of Toronto, all connection with the parts of the article which deal with me in a professional capacity.

Having been one of the organizers of the Order in this country, and having held office continuously for seven years, the editor of the paper had often asked permission to publish my portrait, accompanied by a short biographical sketch. This permission I had refused until a few months ago, when the editor urged it, reminding me that a similar course had been taken with nearly all the officers of the Society. I unadvisedly consented, and did not take the precaution to see the biographical sketch before it was published. Having worked with and been known to the editor during those years, he was quite conversant with my history, and penned the exaggerated statement on his own responsibility.

In reply to a note from me, complaining of the statements made, he sent me the following :

HAMILTON, APRIL 28th, 1892.

DR. B. E. MCKENZIE,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir and Brother,—Replying to yours of the 26th April, I desire to express my sincere sorrow if any blunder or mistake of mine has placed you in an unfavorable position before the profession. I am very sorry now that I did not consult you with regard to the brief sketch before it was published. Newspaper men easily fall into a hurried, reckless way of slashing off matter of this kind without any thought of the technical etiquette of any society or profession.

I make herewith the emphatic statement that you had no knowledge whatever of the character of text which accompanied your portrait, and that it was written without any consultation whatever with you. We took the liberty to deal with you as we did with other officers of our Association, looking at the matter purely from a society standpoint, with the desire of presenting you to your brethren in the most favorable light.

Yours fraternally,
W. W. BUCHANAN.