

of yore, looking down with benediction upon a united brotherhood, proud in the hour of triumph. So, listening to the clangour of arms in the awakening tents of the Greeks (our profession, by compliment) we say, welcome passion, welcome strife, all that attends the march of education and enlightenment; never was combat without plundering camp followers. These shall usher in days of devoted time and knowledge, energy and zeal, for the upbuilding and decoration of the halls of learning. Then in the after glow of brilliant discovery and the splendour of skill, the dark clouds of contention will have rolled away, and faith and courtesy again shine out bright stars in the firmament of science. * * * * *

COMMENTATOR.

Meetings of Medical Societies.

ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF THE MILITIA OF CANADA.

The first annual meeting of the Association of Medical Officers of the Militia of Canada, was held in the Canadian Military Institute, June 2nd, President Dr. Strange in the chair. Among those present were Drs. G. S. Ryerson, Secretary; A. A. Dame, W. T. Stuart, Baldwin, Moore, Elliot, Orton, Preston, Osborne, Rennie, Lesslie, Rice, McWilliam, Saunders, McCrimmon, Grasett, Warren, Raikes, R. B. Powell and Clark. After the constitution and by-laws, which were submitted by the Secretary, had been adopted, the President, Dr. F. W. Strange, delivered his address to the Association. For the past twenty-six years, during which the militia of Canada as at present organized, has existed, the medical officer of a battalion, he said, has been but a regimental unit, and one of the objects of the formation of this Association was to draw these regimental units out of their retirement, and by binding them together to give them their proper position in the military history of the country, and impart an interest and increased efficiency in the work in which they were engaged. The status and rank of the regimental medical officer, he said, also needed some consideration. The medical officer should be an officer in the ranks, the same as any other officer, and length of service should be considered in his promotion as

is done with the militia officers. "Let us have surgeon-captains, surgeon-majors, surgeon-lieutenant-colonels, and the officers promoted according to length of service and qualification, and the injustice of chance will no longer assist the officer in obtaining his proper position in the militia." The most important object in the formation of the Association, he said, was the purely professional aspect. The reading and discussion of papers on topics relating to military medicine, surgery and hygiene has received no attention in Canada, and the contribution of papers on military matters will always be one of the main features of this Association. Dr. Warren then read a paper on "Ambulance Work during the Franco-Prussian war," and Dr. Daniel Clark, once surgeon in the United States Army, contributed a very interesting paper on "Some Brain Wounds, with Results," published in this number. See page 14.

A smoking concert was given in the evening at the residence of Dr. Ryerson, to which the military officers of the city were invited to meet the surgeons of the different corps comprising the Military Medical Association, of which Dr. Ryerson is the Secretary. An exhibition of ambulance drill was to have taken place, but was unavoidably postponed owing to the heavy rain.

The following morning the Secretary read for Dr. Wm. Canniff a very interesting paper on "Some Experiences of a Surgeon during the American war." Dr. Canniff was assistant-surgeon in the Royal Artillery. The election of officers resulted as follows: Hon. President, Surgeon-General Bergin; President, Surgeon F. W. Strange; Vice-Presidents: Ontario, Surgeon V. H. Moore, 41st Brockville Rifles; Quebec, Surgeon Roddick, 1st P. W. O. Rifles, Montreal; New Brunswick, Surgeon-Major Connell, 67th Batt.; Nova Scotia, Surgeon D. A. MacGillivray, 94th Highlanders; Prince Edward Island, Surgeon Jenkins, Garrison Artillery, Prince Edward Island; Manitoba, Surgeon G. T. Orton, 90th Winnipeg Rifles; British Columbia, Surgeon Duncan, R. C. A., Victoria; Treasurer, Surgeon Tracy, 49th Hastings Rifles; Secretary, Surgeon G. Sterling Ryerson, R. G., Toronto. The Association will probably hold a special general meeting at Ottawa in September, at the time of the meeting of the Dominion Medical Association in that city.