

30th Regiment; Ferguson, Assistant Surgeon, 30th Regiment; Harrison, Assistant Surgeon, R.A., from Montreal; Dr. Clarke, Surgeon, from Quebec; Dr. Mills, Surgeon, from Hamilton; Dr. O'Brien, Assistant Surgeon, Sandwich; Dr. Hinde, Assistant Surgeon, Niagara; Dr. Killery, Assistant Surgeon, St. Johns; and Dr. Meadows, Assistant Surgeon, R.C.R. May God protect them while performing the duties of their noble calling, surrounded as they will be by dangers, more imminent even than those which surround the soldier on the field of battle.

MEDICAL NEWS.

EDINBURGH.—We gather from our English and Scotch exchanges the following items of medical news from Edinburgh:

The candidates for the chair of Surgery in the University, vacant by the death of Professor Miller, are Mr. Spence, Dr. H. P. Watson (a son-in-law of Prof. Miller), and Mr. Lister (son-in-law of Mr. Syme), Prof. of Surgery in the Glasgow University. The contest promises to be a very warm one.

The July number of the Edinburgh Medical Journal contains a case of successful primary amputation at the hip-joint (the first in Scotland that has been successful), by Mr. Spence. The subject was a young boy twelve years of age, over the upper part of whose thigh, just below the pelvis, the two wheels of a truck passed obliquely. The accident happened at Melrose station, and the boy was conveyed to his home a mile distant, under the direction of a medical man. On examination, a large flesh wound was found at the upper and inner part of the thigh, exposing the muscles, which were much torn and bruised, allowing the finger to pass deeply into the tissues of the limb. The femur, at and below the trochanters, was much shattered. The foot was cold, and pulsation at the popliteal and tibial arteries very weak, but there was but little blood lost. The boy's only chance of life appearing to be in amputation of the hip-joint, Mr. Spence was telegraphed for to Edinburgh, and reached the patient at 9 p.m., and at once coincided with the conclusion as to the course to be pursued. We give the account of the operation in Mr. Spence's own words:

"The room was small, and the only light procurable was from a small lamp on the mantelpiece, and two small candles held by a non-professional assistant; a wax taper I had brought with me was kept in reserve for exigencies. Dr. Smith took charge of compressing the common femoral on the brim of the pelvis, and I instructed one of the patient's