

THE ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL
MONTREALMay 25th,
1919.Dr George Armstrong
Royal Victoria Hospital.

Dear Sir:

There has recently been constituted a British Association of Radiology and Physiotherapy, the aims and objects of which Association are described in the following paragraph:

" The rapid increase in importance of Radiology, Electrotherapeutics, and other branches of Physiotherapy during recent years, and especially during the present war, and the continual widening of the sphere of their utility in civil and military medical practice, has fendered it necessary that steps should be taken to provide a complete and systematic course of training in these subjects, to co-ordinate and protect the interests of medical practitioners of the same subjects, and to create a standard of efficiency which would increase the status of these special branches of medicine.

With these objects in view, a committee, composed of leading Radiologists and Electrothapeutists of this country, was formed to consider and deal with the subject. The outcome of the meetings of this committee was a decision that steps should be taken for the granting of a diploma, after examination, in Radiology and Electrotherapeutics, at one of the leading Universities. A representation was then made to the University of Cambridge. The proposal was sympathetically received, and arrangements are now in progress which should result in the establishment of a Diploma in Radiology and Electrology. Representations have also been made to the Medical Schools in London and the Provinces with the object of providing the necessary teaching of the subjects for the examination for the diploma. It is also proposed to establish a post-graduate courses of study and research, and to create a British School of Radiology and Electrology, which would be in close co-ordination with similar schools throughout the world.

A meeting of medical practitioners of Radiology and Electrology in this country was called and the British Association of Radiology and Physiotherapy was formed."

A committee, with Sir James MacKenzie Davidson as President, was then elected.

While in London, last spring, I was asked by Sir James and several members of the committee, to go to Cambridge and interview the Vice-Chancellor and other members of the Senate who were likely to be interested in the matter.

Dr Shipley, the Vice-Chancellor, promised every support to the proposal, and called a meeting of a number of influential men who also expressed their approval.

I later saw Sir Clifford Albutt who appeared quite enthusiastic over the scheme. He gave me a letter to Sir J.J.Thompson whom I saw shortly afterwards and who likewise promised his support. In fact - he outlined a possible scheme of study and expressed his willingness to begin the course at once.