

forth from the Medical Volunteers of England, that those guilty will not soon forget. Medical men are usually not accused of putting themselves forward, but we can but think that Volunteer Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons will be quite right to claim the military *status* of their rank. Already we have received several letters calling our attention to the matter, and others have appeared in the daily papers. We can state to all who have written us on the subject, that our pen will battle with all the vigour it is able, against the adoption of such an injudicious and unjust order.

THE QUESTION SETTLED AT LAST.

Ever since the first inception of the Volunteer Movement in Canada it has been a *questio vexata* as to whether a Surgeon was entitled to appear mounted on parade. The Militia authorities, we believe, took the ground that the Surgeon had no such right, and a Surgeon of a Volunteer Regiment in Montreal, was a few years ago brought before a Court of Enquiry for appearing mounted on parade. If we are correctly informed the decision of the Court was not very explicit or decided; they admitted his right to go mounted to parade but insisted he should dismount during inspection. The Surgeon, notwithstanding this Court of Enquiry, continued to appear mounted whenever his regiment paraded in public, and we heard frequent threats of again bringing him before a Court. Now, however, the matter is set at rest, an order having been recently issued by His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, the Commander in Chief, directing Medical officers of the Army, who have the relative rank of Field officers, to appear mounted on parade in future. We are glad to notice that the services of the Medical Department are being appreciated.

ACUPRESSURE.

We make the following extract from a recent letter received by the senior editor from Sir James Y. Simpson, of Edinburgh, the eminent proposer of acupressure for the arrest of hæmorrhage. "Lately, Dr. Pirrie, Professor of Surgery, Aberdeen, wrote me that he has now had fifteen cases of excision of the mammæ, in which he employed acupressure. Ten of these fifteen cases have healed without one single drop of pus. Five of these ten were Hospital cases." This is certainly a most encouraging report. We have employed acupressure in the Montreal General Hospital, in several cases, one of amputation through the condyles of the femur: this was our first experience, and it was with doubt as to the result that we removed the pins on the third day, but no