

large tree, as a temporary place wherein to dress the wounded; and to signalize it, hung his green sash on the limb of a tree. It was soon recognized by the enemy, and after about thirty wounded soldiers had been brought to him, after having performed the required dressings and operations, the cannon-balls of the enemy began to play upon the party. As his assistants and servant had left, he had to leave to seek the assistance of ambulances to remove the wounded, and on his return, he found "every one of the wounded bayoneted or sabred." Independent of this evidence of the fact, an officer of the Massachusetts 5th Regiment, lying wounded on the field, heard the order given by a rebel officer to "bayonet the sons of — red shirts," and cannon were frequently made to bear on ambulances carrying off the wounded. Dr. Barnes lost his sash, coat, sword, watch, and all his medical instruments. In the 19th century a tale of the above kind is scarcely credible, but we believe that in a *civil* war, far more than in any other kind, in which the passions are roused to a higher pitch, such scenes are more apt to occur. It is a disgrace to the Christianity of the present time, and a lasting shame to the cowardly perpetrators of the deeds, for they are cowards indeed who would raise offensive weapons against unarmed or disarmed persons, and use them. The symbolized spot, near a field of battle, where the surgeon is performing his office of humanity, should be a sacred one, around which every sentiment of Christian feeling and true honor and generosity should throw their protecting ægis.

*A Substitute for Silver.*—Messrs. De Ruolz and Dr. Fontenay have, after years' work, discovered a new alloy, which may be used for small coin and industrial uses. It is composed of  $\frac{1}{3}$  silver, 25 to 30 per cent nickel, and from 37 to 52 per cent copper. The inventors propose to call it *trisilver* or *tiers-argent*; and its perfection is said to be a triumph of metallurgical science. It is stated to be ductile, malleable, easily fused, and emits a fine sound when struck, is not affected by exposure to the atmosphere, and not attacked by any but the strongest of acids. It resembles platinum in colour, and possesses extreme hardness and tenacity; has no odour, and a sp. gr. a little less than that of silver.

*Army Medical School at Chatham.*—We understand that the various professors at this recently established institution have now ample leisure for their scientific experiments, as the whole of the last batch of successful candidates have been summarily placed on half-pay. No élève of any of the great medical schools now dreams of exposing himself to a curriculum, his success in which can only lead to disappointment. The fact we believe to be, is that the school is virtually "to let" there being neither candidates nor pupils.—*United Service Gazette*.

*Stringent Resolutions Against Homœopathy, &c.*—At a meeting of the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland on Aug. 2nd, the following ordinance and resolution were finally adopted:—

"No fellow or licentiate of the College shall pretend or profess to cure diseases by the deception called homœopathy or the practices called mesmerism, or by any other form of quackery; neither shall they or any of them seek for business through the medium of advertisements, or by any other disreputable method. It is also hereby ordained that no fellow or licentiate of the college shall consult, meet, advise, direct, or assist any person engaged in such deceptions or practices, or in any system or practice considered derogatory or dishonourable by physicians and surgeons."

The College of Physicians has adopted the following form of declaration to be taken by licentiates on admission:—

"I engage not to practise any system or method (so-called) for the cure or alleviation of disease, of which the College has disapproved; nor to endeavour to obtain practice or to attract public notice by advertising, or by any other unworthy means. I also engage that I will neither permit nor sanction the use of my name by any other person for such purposes, nor in connection with any secret or other remedy; and in case of any doubt relative to the true meaning or application of this engagement, I promise to