

was being done that could possibly be in the way of nursing, comforts, &c. Dr. Beaumont of Toronto, was in constant attendance in consultation with Dr. Ryal. There were nearly twenty then in hospital. I did not examine many of the wounded. Indeed there seemed a serious danger that the crowd of medical men who had arrived, would prove to be deleterious to the wounded who so badly required repose. I casually glanced at a few, two of whom were Fenians. One of these had been at work in Hamilton until a few days before the invasion. One of them had received a scalp wound, and the other a cutaneous wound near the groin. Towards night, a boat arrived from Fort Erie with a few wounded under the care of Dr. Elliott, who had been active during the engagements, and who had found it necessary to amputate at the thigh one of the unfortunate men. At Dr. Elliott's request, I examined this patient immediately upon his arrival, and found that notwithstanding the shock incident to battle, and the subsequent operation, and then the removal, he was doing very well. Dr. Elliott had him conveyed to the hospital and placed under the care of Dr. Ryal, and then returned to his post at Fort Erie.

The following morning I was requested by Dr. Ryal to proceed to the battle field and take charge of the wounded yet remaining there. Mr. Routh of Hamilton, specially desired me to take charge of his brother, Lieutenant Routh, who was very severely wounded. Taking such medicines and comforts as were available, I at once started by an impressed carriage. I reached Ridgeway, distant from Port Colborne twelve miles, at eleven o'clock. The battle field lies somewhat to the north of Ridgeway and something over a mile. I was told at Ridgeway village that the wounded were at the "Smuggler's Home," and a small house close by it. Upon my arrival, I found Dr. Billings of Hamilton in charge of the wounded, also Dr. Allen of Brantford, a homeopathic physician who had been early upon the field. Dr. Billings wished to return immediately to Hamilton, and after explaining to me the nature of the wounds and what had been done, took his departure. During the time he had been there he had done much to make the wounded comfortable. Finding them lying in the clothes in which they had fallen in the field, he had assisted to place them in comfortable beds, and in other respects had contributed to their comfort. There were two of the wounded in a small house, Lieutenant Routh of Hamilton, and Private White of Toronto. A third, Private Lugsten, of Toronto, was at the Smuggler's Home, a tavern, which was not far off. The small house had been inhabited by a German, and was by no means cleanly. It consisted of two rooms, a patient lying in each. Lieut. Routh was in the kitchen part, the cooking stove being