

ment of Syphilis," Prof. Connell, Kingston; "Duodenal Feeding with Tube," Dr. Cleaver, New York; "Treatment of Lues in Children," Dr. George Smith; "Treatment of Cancer," Dr. W. H. B. Aikins; "Pernicious Anæmia," Dr. Chas. Mackay-Seaforth. Papers have also been promised by Major J. W. S. McCullough, Dr. Alan Brown, Dr. Campbell, Napanee.

In Surgery there are papers on Appendicitis by Dr. M. O. Klotz, Ottawa; Gall Stones, by Dr. Olmsted, Hamilton; Pyloric Stenosis in Infants, by Dr. W. E. Gallie, Toronto; Fractures, by Dr. G. M. Rogers, Ingersoll; Intestinal Obstruction, by Dr. H. A. Bruce, Toronto; Renal Calculi, by Dr. W. W. Jones, Toronto; Transfusion, Dr. C. L. Starr, Toronto; Conservative Surgery in Injuries of the Hand, Dr. N. A. Powell; Intussusception, Dr. F. N. G. Starr; Perforated Ulcer of the Greater Curvature, Dr. J. K. McGregor, together with papers by Drs. G. A. Bingham, Toronto, W. T. Parke, Woodstock, and others.

The Eye, Ear and Nose Section has invited Dr. Justus Matthews, of the Mayo Clinic, and he is giving a paper on Tonsillectomy, with its General Results. There are also papers by Dr. E. Boyd, on Foreign Bodies in the Oesophagus; Treatment of the Blind after the War, by Dr. B. C. Bell; Orthodontia in its Relation to the Nose and Throat, by G. W. Grieve, D.D.S., and a paper by Dr. James McCallum.

The Section in Gynæcology and Obstetrics is not yet complete; but Dr. Percy, Dr. W. H. Weir, and Dr. J. H. Morgan have promised contributions.

As will be seen by this brief outline, there is a wealth of material to be discussed, and many papers by men of wide reputation. We trust later to announce the programme and arrangements more in detail.

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#### WAR DEATH RATE DROPS.

Official statements recently made show a remarkable decrease in the death rate of wounded and sick soldiers in both the German and the French armies. For the German army the statistics show that while in the first months of the war three per cent. of the wounded and sick soldiers died, twelve per cent. were discharged, and 85 per cent. returned to active service, the death rate since then has fallen steadily until now the monthly average is 1.7 per cent., the discharges average 8.8 per cent., and 89.5 per cent. are still fit for service. For the French army the official statistics give the mortality among the sick and wounded soldiers in the war hospitals during the month of September, 1914, as 45 per 1,000, and during the past months as only 18 per 1,000.