

at Cambridge working at the Research Laboratory with Dr. Strangeways, and we were so glad to be able to put him on the Rockefeller list. He died suddenly after an operation for volvulus. How the poor fellow and his family suffered at the Louvain tragedy is told in the *British Medical Journal*, January 16th.

ONTARIO WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

MEDICAL ATTENTION.

In regard to medical attention it is stated that the question is frequently asked, what should employers do, or what should they instruct their foremen to do, in regard to medical attention when an accident happens to an employee. The Workmen's Compensation Act, it is pointed out, does not deal at all with the question of medical attendance or medical fees therefor, except in fatal cases where there are no dependents. It is pointed out, however, that the Board is not indifferent to this aspect of the matter, and that, apart from the humanitarian side of the question, it is not in the interest of the Board or of employers that payment of compensation should be prolonged by lack of necessary medical or surgical attention. An injured employee should be taken to the nearest doctor or hospital as quickly as possible, and the Board hopes that any co-operative or other arrangement now existing for such service will be continued. There is nothing in the Act to prevent arrangements for such hospital or medical service. Unless there is some co-operative arrangement for medical aid, the injured workman must of necessity pay his own medical expenses. It is pointed out, however, that in serious cases there is the certainty, if reports are promptly made, that compensation will be made without delay, and money will thus be available which will enable injured workmen to pay their medical or hospital fees, which it is believed they will generally be found willing to do, but should any workman not be willing to pay what is reasonable, the power given to the Board to permit attachment of the compensation may be invoked. It is suggested that mutual co-operation and assistance among employers, employees and physicians in all these matters will be to the advantage of all, as well as a great assistance in the work of the Board.

REPORTING OF ACCIDENTS.

The Board, it is stated, will very much appreciate promptness and care on the part of both employers and workmen in making reports of accidents, and upon this will depend in large measure

