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AND THE COMPANY



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## PREFACE

In presenting this, the sixth, volume of the Transactions of the American Academy of Railway Surgeons, to the profession in general and the Fellows of the Academy in particular, we feel that there are just grounds for believing that it will be received as well, if not better, than any of the preceding volumes.

We are confident that a perusal of its pages will show that the character and trend of the papers are evidences of more thorough and careful work, and a greater technical effort, which is confidently expected to become more evident in succeeding volumes.

The interest in the last session was enthusiastic, bespeaking increased efforts along the line indicated, and assuring us that the Academy has a place to fill, and of a determination on the part of its Fellows to see that it fills its place in a manner creditable to all connected therewith.

THE EDITOR.



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SOME POINTS IN THE DIAGNOSIS OF TRAUMATIC INJURIES OF THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM.

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In as brief a space as possible I shall endeavor to consider some differential points in the diagnosis of various affections of the central nervous system, laying especial stress on such as result from traumatism. I shall include in these the psychic effects of shock and suggestion.

The first point to which to call attention is found in a short paper written by me and read by title, as I was not present, at the Fourth Annual Meeting of the Academy of Railway Surgeons, held at Chicago, in October, 1897. In this I pointed out that damages were occasionally recovered from corporations for the effects of disease that had existed many years before the occurrence of the accident in which the plaintiff testified, under oath, he had received the injuries for which he was claiming damages<sup>1</sup>. In the first case, a brief abstract of which occurs in the paper to which reference has been made, a man, two years after having been thrown out of his berth

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<sup>1</sup> THE JOURNAL, April 28, 1897.