

and patients, by whom the announcement of his death will be received with regret. He had attained the ripe age of nearly eighty-two years.

Mr. Caunt died on April 19th, at No. 2, Dudley Place, St. Mary's Terrace, Paddington, and was buried at Old Willesden on the following Thursday, April 23rd.

MEDICO-LEGAL AND MEDICO-ETHICAL.

THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND HOSPITAL OUT-PATIENTS.

Sir,—Will you allow me to draw your attention to one of the laws by which Fellows of the Royal College of Physicians are bound, and to which they promise to conform when admitted to the Fellowship? It is the law that they will not, under any pretext of charity, prescribe for a patient whom they know to be under the care of another practitioner. It is such a very common thing in hospital practice for this law to be broken, that it is time some attention should be directed to it.—Yours obediently,

R. J. L.

* It may be as well to quote the by-law in question more fully. It is as follows. "No Fellow or Member of the College shall officiously, or under colour of a benevolent purpose, offer medical aid to, or prescribe for, any patient whom he knows to be under the care of another legally qualified medical practitioner." It might perhaps be well for our correspondent to state more specifically how it is infringed as "a very common thing in hospital practice."

MEDICO-PARLIAMENTARY.

HOUSE OF LORDS—Tuesday, May 19th.

Lunacy Acts Amendment Bill.—On the order for going into Committee on this Bill, the LORD CHANCELLOR said he proposed to ask their lordships to go into Committee *pro forma* on this Bill, for the purpose of inserting thirteen pages of amendments, of which he had given notice, after which the Bill would be reprinted. After the Whitsuntide recess, they might go into Committee again on the Bill, when the amendments proposed by various noble lords could be properly considered and discussed.—The Earl of MILLTOWN acceded to the course proposed, and remarked that he had wished to see the Bill referred to a Select Committee, in order that the whole question involved in it might be dealt with in a more thorough manner than it could be by a Committee of the whole House. But, as he knew that the noble and learned lord had a sincere hope that the measure would become law this session, and knowing the great anxiety that existed on the part of the public on the subject, he would not press for the reference of the Bill to a Select Committee.—The House then went into Committee, when the series of amendments proposed by the Lord Chancellor were inserted, and the Bill was ordered to be reprinted.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.—Thursday, May 14th.

Small-Pox in West Ham.—Mr. HOPWOOD: I wish to ask the President of the Local Government Board, whether he is aware that, by a house-to-house visitation of 15,000 houses in West Ham, instituted by Dr. Kennedy, the local officer of health, it has been ascertained that the inhabitants are vaccinated in number up to the average of the metropolis, and to the extent of 98 per cent. Whether the rate of mortality from small-pox is, in the last Registrar-General's return: for London (including its outer ring) 1,320 per million; for West Ham alone (included in above) 5,132 per million. Whether small-pox is usually most frequent in quarters of the town otherwise unhealthy; and, whether he will make inquiry in this case into the existence of unsanitary defects in sewers, etc., of which the inhabitants complain, and apply effective remedies to this zymotic epidemic.—Mr. GEORGE RUSSELL: The answer to my honourable and learned friend's first question is in the affirmative, but the recent returns of the number of children vaccinated have been comparatively unsatisfactory. During the past six months 105 deaths from small-pox have occurred in the guardians' hospital at Plaistow, and out of this number 76 were found to be unvaccinated, 21 imperfectly vaccinated, 8 vaccinated, and none revaccinated. According to the return of the Registrar-General for the week ending May 2nd, there were 23 deaths in the West Ham district, 19 of which were local cases; and in London, including the outer ring, there were, inclusive of 16 deaths of London residents in hospitals outside London, 78 deaths. Small-pox is not usually most frequent in quarters of a town otherwise unhealthy, except in so far as the unhealthiness may be synonymous with overcrowding and want of isolation. Dr. de Chaumont recently visited West Ham, and has reported to the Board as follows: "The local system of sewers and drains is said to be well carried out as a

whole, but the district appears to be increasing at a rate that will probably overtax the system as at present arranged." We will look into this matter.

MILITARY AND NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICES.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

BRIGADE-SURGEON G. L. HINDE is promoted to be Deputy Surgeon-General, *vice* E. M. Sinclair, M.D., who has been placed on temporary half-pay. Mr. Hinde entered the service May 15th, 1855; became Surgeon September 19th, 1863; Surgeon-Major, March 1st, 1873; and Brigade-Surgeon, April 25th, 1881. He served in the Crimean war in 1855, was at the siege of Sebastopol, and has the medal and clasp, and the Turkish medal. He was also in the Boer war in 1881. He accompanied the recent expedition to Suakin, and was granted the rank of Deputy Surgeon-General.

Surgeon-Major W. TEMPLE, M.B., V.C., is appointed Brigade-Surgeon, *vice* G. L. Hinde. His commissions are dated: Assistant-Surgeon, November 1st, 1858; Surgeon, March 1st, 1873; and Surgeon-Major, October 18th, 1873. Brigade-Surgeon Temple served in the New Zealand war in 1860-61, and in the Waikato campaign in 1863-65, and was at the battles of Rangiriri and Rangiawhia, and was honourably mentioned in despatches, received the Victoria Cross for his gallant conduct on November 20th, 1863, and obtained the medal granted for the campaign. He is at present serving in Bengal.

Surgeon-Major J. S. DUNCAN, M.D., has been granted retired pay, with the honorary rank of Brigade-Surgeon. He entered the service December 14th, 1858, became Surgeon, March 1st, 1873, and Surgeon-Major, April 1st, 1874. Dr. Duncan has no war-record.

Surgeon-Major C. W. WATLING has also gone on retired pay, with a step of honorary rank. His commissions are dated: Assistant-Surgeon, April 20th, 1859; Surgeon, March 1st, 1873; and Surgeon-Major, July 29th, 1874. Mr. Watling served in the recent war in Afghanistan, and was at the battles of Ahmed Khel and Urzoo (medal, with clasp).

Surgeon-Major E. H. LLOYD, M.B., also has retired, with the rank of Brigade-Surgeon. He dates as Assistant-Surgeon from June 13th, 1859; as Surgeon, from March 1st, 1873; and as Surgeon-Major, from January 6th, 1875. He is not credited in the Army Lists with any war-service.

Surgeon B. M. SKINNER, who is at present serving in Bengal, has passed the examination for the lower standard in Hindustani.

The undermentioned gentlemen have obtained leave of absence for the periods specified: Surgeon W. R. HENDERSON, M.D., serving in Bengal, for six months on medical certificate; Brigade-Surgeon T. WALSH, also serving in Bengal, for a similar period; Surgeon-Major W. T. MARTIN, M.D., serving in Madras, for 182 days on medical certificate.

A telegram received at the War Office, dated Cairo, May 17th, says that Surgeon-Major J. KINAHAN and Surgeon C. E. FAUNCE had left for England from up Nile, invalided.

From another telegram received at the War Office, dated Suakin, May 15th, we learn that the *Tyne* left for England the previous day, with Staff-Surgeon C. J. HOLMES, Surgeon W. C. BEEVOR, and Nursing-Sister Irving on board, among others. The same telegram informs us that Staff-Surgeon P. A. HAYES had arrived sick from the front, and gone on board the *Ganges*.

Mr. JOHN STEWART GRAVES, Deputy Inspector-General of Army Hospitals, late Surgeon to the 4th Light Dragoons, and for many years Surgeon at the Tower of London, died at Kensington on the 14th instant. He entered the service as Hospital-Assistant, February 22nd, 1826; became Assistant-Surgeon on the 28th of September of the same year; Surgeon, July 2nd, 1841; Surgeon-Major, October 1st, 1855; and retired, with the honorary rank of Deputy Inspector-General, December 7th, 1858. *Hart's Army List* informs us that Mr. Graves served with the 4th Light Dragoons in Afghanistan under Lord Keane, and was present at the siege and capture of Ghuznee (medal). He served also in the Crimea, with the 68th Regiment, in 1854-55, and was at the battle of Inkerman and the siege of Sebastopol (medal, with two clasps, and Turkish medal).

Surgeon-Major JOHN OLDMAN, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., of the 5th Battalion of the King's Royal Rifle Corps (better known as the Huntingdon Militia Rifles), died at Huntingdon on the 16th instant, in the 49th year of his age. Mr. Oldman was appointed Surgeon to the corps, February 15th, 1864, and promoted to Surgeon-Major from March 1st, 1873.

Surgeon P. J. B. O'SHAUGHNESSY, at present serving in Bengal, has passed the lower standard examination in Hindustani.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

BRIGADE-SURGEON S. M. SHIRCORE, Bengal Establishment, has retired from the service. He entered as an Assistant-Surgeon, July 2nd, 1856, and became Brigade-Surgeon, December 18th, 1883. He does not appear to have served in any campaign.

The services of Surgeon-Major E. LAWRIE, M.B., Bengal Establishment, Professor of Anatomy and Surgery at the Lahore Medical School, are replaced at the disposal of the Government of India in the Military Department.

The services of Surgeon-Major W. H. ROBERTS, M.D., Madras Establishment, Surgeon of the 2nd District, Health-Officer, and Superintendent of the Lock Hospital, Madras, are temporarily replaced at the disposal of the Commander-in-Chief.

Surgeon E. W. YOUNG, Bombay Establishment, in medical charge of the 1st Bombay Lancers, has been appointed Staff-Surgeon at Poona, in the place of Surgeon-Major E. Sexton, M.D., who has resigned that appointment.

Surgeon-Major C. SIBTHORPE, Madras Establishment, is directed to do duty with the companies of Queen's Own Sappers and Miners proceeding to Quetta.

The services of Surgeon W. B. BROWNING, Madras Establishment, have been replaced at the disposal of the Military Department.

Surgeon E. P. FRENCHMAN, Madras Establishment, whose services have been replaced at the disposal of the Military Department, is directed to do general duty in the British Burmah Division.

Surgeon G. M. E. M'KEE, Madras Establishment, whose services have also been replaced at the disposal of the Military Department, is ordered to do general duty in the Eastern District.

Surgeon-Major T. BEAUMONT, M.D., Madras Establishment, Residency Surgeon