

ROYAL NAVY AND ARMY MEDICAL SERVICES.

ROYAL NAVY MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following appointments have been made in the Admiralty: WILLIAM JACKSON, M.B., Staff Surgeon, to the *Spartan*, January 3rd; GEORGE WATERS, M.B., Fleet Surgeon, and BRYAN PICK, Surgeon, to the *Illustrous*, January 3rd; JOHN H. MCLEWELL, M.B., Surgeon, to the *Good Hope*, January 3rd; HENRY F. FLEWICK, Fleet Surgeon, to the *President*, additional, and lent to Deptford Yard for forty-five days from December 21st; DAVID H. VICKERY, Surgeon, to Haslar Hospital, additional, for the *Flagard*, for depot of torpedo destroyers, December 17th; CHARLES M. WOODS, Surgeon, to Haslar Hospital, additional, for the *Erubus*, for depot of torpedo destroyers, December 17th; CHARLES E. C. STANFORD, M.B., Surgeon, to the *Kobin*, December 10th; BERNARD LEY, Surgeon, to the *Ocean*, December 10th; ROBERT W. B. HALL, Surgeon, to the *Vengeance*, December 10th; WILLIAM W. KEIR, M.B., Surgeon, to the *Alicerby*, temporary, December 10th; RICHARD F. CLARK, Surgeon, to the *Iphigenia*, December 10th; JOSEPH CROWLEY, Fleet Surgeon, and HAROLD G. F. MAJOR and GUY L. BUCKERIDGE, Surgeons, to the *Bulwark*, on recommissioning, January 3rd.

Deputy Inspector-General GEORGE ANDREW CAMPBELL died at Ealing on December 10th, aged 68. He was appointed Surgeon, February 28th, 1860; Staff Surgeon, January 20th, 1872; Fleet Surgeon, March 23rd, 1883; and Deputy Inspector-General on retirement, November 30th, 1891. He was Staff Surgeon of the *Hecla* at the bombardment of the Alexandria forts in 1882, and during the subsequent campaign (medal with clasp and Khedive's bronze star), and during the operations near Suakin in 1884 (clasp).

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

THE retirement of Major A. E. C. SPENCE, M.B., is to take effect from November 21st, and not as stated in the *London Gazette* of November 15th. (Vide BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, November 10th.)

CHANGES OF STATION.

THE following changes of station amongst the officers of the Royal Army Medical Corps have been officially reported to have taken place during the month of November:

	From.	To.
Colonel J. F. Williamson, M.B., C.B.,		
C.M.G.	Somaland ...	India.
Lieut.-Col. G. T. Goggin	Dublin ...	Belfast.
" R. L. Love, M.D.	O. R. Colony ...	Fermoy.
" H. O. Trevor	Madras ...	Aldershot.
" W. W. Pike, D.S.O.	Aldershot ...	Madras.
" E. H. L. Lynden-Bell, M.B. ...	Longmoor ...	Bengal.
" G. D. Hunter, D.S.O.	Bengal ...	Portsmouth.
" H. N. Thompson, M.B., D.S.O.	Aldershot ...	Woking.
Major F. D. Ederton	Cape Colony ...	Devonport.
" C. A. Lane, M.B.	Colchester ...	Ceylon.
" P. C. H. Gordon	York ...	Madras.
" J. H. Brannigan	Punjab ...	York.
" H. Coocks, M.B.	Fermoy ...	Madras.
" F. W. G. Hall, M.B.	Punjab ...	Chester.
" H. M. Adamson, M.B.	Bodmin ...	Bengal.
" C. J. Macdonald, M.D.	Malta ...	Cork.
" H. A. Cummins, M.D., C.M.G.	Woolwich ...	Punjab.
" E. S. Marder	Madras ...	Dover.
" G. Scott, M.D.	Edinburgh ...	Punjab.
" A. O. C. Watson, M.B.		Aberdeen.
" H. I. Pocock	Bombay ...	Aldershot.
" G. T. Rawnsley	Punjab ...	Portsmouth.
" A. J. Luther	Bombay ...	Bengal.
" N. Faichnie, M.B.	Madras ...	York.
" I. A. O. MacCarthy	Cork ...	Kilkenny.
" C. W. Duggan, M.B.	Stoke Camp ...	Edinburgh.
" H. D. Mason	Manchester ...	Bengal.
" T. McDermott, M.B.	Dublin ...	
" A. J. Chalmers		Netley.
Captain A. E. Master, M.B.	Devonport ...	Malta.
" H. A. Berryman	Home District ...	Gibraltar.
" S. H. Fairrie, M.B.	Canterbury ...	Shorncliffe.
" J. H. Campbell, D.S.O.	Dover ...	Colchester.
" S. A. Archer	Bengal ...	Dublin.
" A. J. MacDougall, M.B.	Edinburgh ...	Piershill.
" J. Poe, M.B.	Punjab ...	Dublin.
" E. T. Inkson, V.C.	Cape Colony ...	Portsmouth.
" B. Watts	Punjab ...	York.
" W. P. Gwynn	Madras ...	Devonport.
" J. Cowan, M.B.		Netley.
" J. M. Sloan, M.B., D.S.O.	Cape Colony ...	Edinburgh.
" H. D. Packer	Natal ...	Dublin.
" H. K. Palmer	Transvaal ...	
" S. G. Butler	Madras ...	Devonport.
" J. I. W. Morris	Transvaal ...	Home District.
" J. Matthews	Bombay ...	Aldershot.
" H. C. R. Hime, M.B.	O. R. Colony ...	Netley.
" F. McLeman, M.B.		Bengal.
" H. J. McGrigor, M.B.	Somaland ...	Bengal.
" J. J. Jones	Barbados ...	Woolwich.
" M. F. Foulds	Woolwich ...	Ceylon.
" A. W. Sampey	Punjab ...	Bengal.
" A. W. Sampey	Dublin ...	West Africa.
Lieutenant L. Cotterill	Somaland ...	Madras.
" A. B. Smallman, M.B.	Aldershot ...	Bengal.
" R. M. Ranking		Hong Kong.
" J. H. Duguid, M.B.		Sts. Settlements.
" S. L. Pallant	Gosport ...	Bengal.
" C. R. Bradley	Netley ...	Bombay.
" W. MacD. Macdonald	Aldershot ...	
" F. J. Turner	Netley ...	
" D. S. B. Thomson, M.B.	Curragh ...	Dublin.
" E. Bousfield, M.B.	Aldershot ...	R.A.M. Coll.
" D. P. Johnstone	Glen Imaal ...	Madras.
" A. A. Meaden	Woolwich ...	Bombay.

Captain G. St. C. Thom, M.B., has assumed duty as Adjutant at the Depot and Training School, Aldershot, vice Major H. A. Hinge, appointed to command the B Company.

EXCHANGE.

The charge for inserting notices respecting Exchanges in the Army Medical Department is 8s. 6d., which should be forwarded in stamps or post-office order with the notice, not later than Wednesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

A LIEUTENANT, R.A.M.C., two years' service, wishes to hear of an officer in the I.M.S. willing to exchange, subject to regulations.—Address No. 6140, BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL.

ARMY MEDICAL STAFF.

SURGEON-GENERAL SIR W. TAYLOR, M.D., K.C.B., K.H.P., is placed on retired pay, December 2nd. Appointed Assistant Surgeon, September 30th, 1864, he became Surgeon, March 1st, 1873; Surgeon-Major, September 30th, 1876; Brigade-Surgeon, February 5th, 1890; Surgeon-Colonel, March 10th, 1895; Surgeon-Major-General, March 25th, 1896; and Director-General of the Army Medical Service, December 2nd, 1901. Sir William was granted a reward for distinguished services, October 1st, 1899; appointed Honorary Physician to the King, August 21st, 1901; and made a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath, June 25th, 1902. He was also a Knight of Justice of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. His war record is as follows:—Jowaki expedition, 1877 (medal); Burmese expedition, 1885-6—served on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief in India (mentioned in dispatches, clasp); Hazara expedition, 1888; Burmese expedition, 1888-9; Japan and China, 1894-5—attached to Head Quarters, Japanese Army (Japanese war medal); Ashanti expedition, 1895-6—as Principal Medical Officer (honourably mentioned, promoted Surgeon-Major-General, star); Nile expedition, 1898—as Principal Medical Officer, including the battle of Khartoum (mentioned in dispatches, C.B., second class of the Medjidie, Egyptian medal with clasp, British medal).

ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY (VOLUNTEERS).

THE undermentioned officers have resigned their commissions from December 17th: Surgeon-Captain R. B. WRIGHT, 1st Cheshire; Surgeon-Lieutenant J. H. F. WAX, 2nd Hampshire; Surgeon-Lieutenant H. E. HEWITT, M.D., 2nd Sussex.

MR. ANDREW ELLIOT, M.D., to be Surgeon-Lieutenant in the 2nd Middlesex, December 17th.

VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

MR. MAURICE HOGAN to be Surgeon-Lieutenant in the 1st Volunteer Battalion the East Lancashire Regiment, December 17th.

VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

SURGEON-LIEUTENANT J. A. ANGUS, 3rd Volunteer Battalion the Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment), to be Surgeon-Captain, December 10th.

Supernumerary Surgeon-Major (Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel) W. D. WATERHOUSE, 4th Volunteer Battalion the Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) (Senior Medical Officer, and London Volunteer Infantry Brigade), to be Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, December 10th.

Surgeon-Lieutenant F. ROBINSON, 2nd Volunteer Battalion the Royal North Lancashire Regiment, resigns his commission, and is appointed Second Lieutenant, December 10th.

Surgeon-Major C. GODSON, M.B., 18th Middlesex, to be Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, December 10th.

HEALTH OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

THE report of the Surgeon-General of the United States Army for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1904, has recently been issued.

The health of the army during the year was very satisfactory, the admission-rate per 1,000 of strength—1,451.13—showing a considerable diminution as compared with 1902, when it was 1,716.51. This result has been brought about by the more careful attention given to sanitary matters. The number of cases and rates per 1,000 of mean strength for disease in the army, reported in the calendar year 1903, were as follows: Admissions, 83,996, rate 1,228.45; discharges for disability, 1,452, rate 21.61; deaths, 475, rate 7.02. Those for external causes were: Admissions, 15,063, rate 222.68; discharges for disability, 120, rate 1.77; deaths, 154, rate 2.28. The admission-rate in the United States per 1,000 for disease and injury was 1,206.80, and the death-rate 5.04, as compared with 1,343.77 and 7.83 in 1902. Of this rate, 961.50 men per 1,000 were admitted, and 4,112 died from disease, and 245 39 admitted, and 1.82 died from external causes.

The report states that there was a decided decrease of cholera in the Philippine Islands. This is undoubtedly due to the untiring efforts of the army medical officers in preventing the spread of the disease among the troops serving at the island stations. Typhoid fever and malarial fevers showed a gratifying decrease. The prevalence of tuberculosis varied but little from that of previous years. There were 636 cases of beri-beri, almost entirely confined to the Filipino soldiers, while of bubonic plague there was not a single case during the year 1903. A further reduction in intestinal affections among the troops was noted.

The number of admissions to sick report, however, for venereal disease during 1903 was still large. Although the admission rate for the whole army was slightly lower than that of the preceding year, the ratio of discharge per 1,000 of strength was a little in excess of 1902, and a total of 4 deaths was reported.

A slight decrease in the number of admissions for alcoholism is noted. Of the total number of admissions 1,541 were for acute, 73 for chronic alcoholism and 56 for delirium tremens, equivalent to 22.78, 1.08, and 0.83 per 1,000 men. Of the 4226 troops serving in the United States, 1,041, or 24.63 per 1,000, were admitted for acute alcoholism; 6 cases, or 0.14 per thousand, terminated fatally. For troops serving in Cuba and Porto Rico a higher rate than the large one of last year was reported. The rate of admission for acute alcoholism was 51.25, or nearly three times as great as the corresponding rate for the troops in the Pacific Islands and China. A slight increase in alcoholism is recorded in the Pacific Islands and China as compared with the rate of last year. Insanity was far less prevalent during 1903 than in the previous year.