

## ROYAL NAVY AND ARMY MEDICAL SERVICES.

## ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS EXCHANGE.

The charge for inserting notices respecting Exchanges in the Army Medical Department is 3s. 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.

LIEUTENANT, R.A.M.C., at present under orders for India (Bengal), would be glad to exchange with an officer of same rank ordered to South Africa or one of the Colonies (South Africa preferred).—Address, No. 1,290, BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL Office.

FIELD OFFICER R.A.M.C., ordered to Bombay, desires an exchange to Mediterranean or South Africa for whole or part tour. Address No. 423, BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL Office.

## ROYAL NAVY MEDICAL SERVICE.

FLEET SURGEON T. J. PRESTON has been placed on the retired list, with the rank of Deputy-Inspector-General, September 2nd. He was appointed Surgeon September 30th, 1873; Staff Surgeon September 30th, 1885; and Fleet Surgeon October 19th, 1894. As Surgeon of the *Sultan* he was at the bombardment of the Alexandria forts in 1882 and during the Egyptian war; he was employed on shore as Senior Medical Officer of the Royal Marine Battalion, took part in the defence of Alexandria, and was at the capitulation of the Aboukir and Rosetta Forts (medal with clasp, and Khedive's bronze star).

The following appointments have been made at the Admiralty: JOHN DUDLEY, M.B., Fleet Surgeon, to the *Impregnable*, September 4th; ARCHIBALD MCKINLAY, Fleet Surgeon, to the *Wildfire*, and for service in Sheerness Dockyard, September 4th; JAMES W. O. UNDERHILL, M.B., Staff Surgeon, to the *Camperdown*, undated; HORACE ELLIOTT, M.D., Staff Surgeon, to the *Lion*, September 4th; BASSETT C. E. F. GUNN, Staff Surgeon, to the *Severn*, September 4th; ROBERT T. GILLMOUR, Surgeon, to the *Caesar*, September 11th; HAROLD E. FRYER, Surgeon, to the Royal Marine Infirmary, Portsmouth, September 11th; GERALD M. EASTMENT, Surgeon, to the *Redbreast*, September 3rd; ERNEST F. ELLIS, Surgeon, to the *Gleaner*, September 3rd.

## QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S ROYAL NAVAL NURSING SERVICE.

THE King's Council on August 6th approved of an increase of pay and allowances to the Sisters in Royal naval hospitals and hospital ships.

*Head Sisters*.—The previous difference of salaries at Haslar, Plymouth, and Chatham is now abolished, and at all these hospitals the salary is £125 to £160, by annual increments of £5—the salary at Haslar only previously.

The *Acting Head Sister* at Malta receives, as formerly, an allowance of £10.

*Nursing Sisters* formerly received salaries of £30 to £50 by annual increments of £2; they are now to receive salaries of £37 to £50 by annual increments of £2 10s.

Each *Head Sister* and *Nursing Sister* formerly received at home 1s. 6d. in lieu of provisions and 1s. 6d. a week for washing of her personal linen. At Dartmouth a provision allowance of 2s. 6d. a day was allowed. At Malta, 2s. a day in lieu of board and washing. Under this Order in Council an allowance of 15s. a week is allowed at Haslar, Plymouth, and Chatham; of 21s. at Malta and 12s. at Dartmouth.

*Charge pay* to the Senior Sister in charge in hospital ships is now granted, namely, 1s. 6d. per diem.

*Leave*.—Formerly 40 days that might be granted to *Head Sisters* in the year, and 35 days to *Nursing Sisters*, is now increased to 42 days in the case of *Head Sisters* and to 35 days in the case of *Nursing Sisters*.

These improved salaries and allowances should attract a high class of candidates for admission to Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service.

## ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

LIEUTENANT G. H. NOMAR resigns his commission, September 10th. He was appointed Lieutenant, July 5th, 1901.

Temporary Lieutenant M. TAYLOR is granted the temporary rank of Captain while employed in South Africa, September 10th.

## THE APPEAL FOR THE FAMILY OF THE LATE LIEUTENANT-COLONEL BRODIE, R.A.M.C.

ON behalf of the widow and orphans of Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. Brodie, R.A.M.C., for whom an appeal was made in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of the 24th May, Colonel Leake, 42, The Common, Woolwich, begs to acknowledge, with many thanks, the following additional contributions and to express his cordial appreciation of the kind words of sympathy which accompanied them:—

	£	s.	d.
Major J. F. Burke, R.A.M.C. ... ..	1	1	0
G. Baynton Forge, Esq. ... ..	1	1	0
Previously acknowledged ... ..	69	4	0
<b>Total to date ... ..</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>

## INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

SURGEON-GENERAL L. D. SPENCER, M.D., C.B., Bengal Establishment, is permitted to retire from the Service, from June 16th. Appointed Assistant Surgeon, March 1st, 1865, he became Surgeon-General, October 25th, 1868. He was Principal Medical Officer with the Waziristan Field Force in 1894-5, was mentioned in dispatches, made a Companion of the Order of the Bath, and received a medal with clasp. He was granted a Distinguished Service Reward in 1895.

The undermentioned Lieutenants, having completed three years' full pay service, are promoted to be Captains, July 27th: E. D. W. GREIG, M.B., C. DYKES, M.B., W. G. MCKECHNIE, M.B., W. F. HARVEY, M.R., W. C. H. FORSTER, M.B., J. J. URWIN, M.B., D. MCCAY, M.B., A. B. FRY, M.B., H. D. PEILE, D. H. F. COWIN, E. C. G. MADDOCK, M.B., W. H. DICKINSON, M.B., M. W. MANUK, M.B., W. H. TUCKER, A. W. TUKE, M.B., C. S. LOWSON, M.B., J. SLOAN, M.B., G. H. STEWART, M.B., D. N. ANDERSON, M.B.

Captain M. W. MANUK, M.B., Bombay Establishment, retires from the service from August 1st. He joined the department as Lieutenant July 27th, 1899.

## IMPERIAL YEOMANRY.

TEMPORARY CAPTAIN P. DAVIDSON, D.S.O., Medical Officer 5th Battalion, relinquishes his commission, and is granted the honorary rank of Captain in the army, retaining his uniform, July 12th, 1901.

## ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY (VOLUNTEERS).

SURGEON-CAPTAIN F. W. GRANT, M.D., 1st Banff, is promoted to be Surgeon-Major September 6th.

## VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

THE undermentioned Surgeon-Captains are promoted to be Surgeon-Majors, dated September 6th: J. CAMERON, M.D., 6th Volunteer Battalion the Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment); R. A. FRICHARD and W. J. MORRIS, 3rd Volunteer Battalion the Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

Mr. FREDERICK W. GRIMLING is appointed Surgeon-Lieutenant in the 2nd Volunteer Battalion the Northumberland Fusiliers, September 6th. Surgeon-Captain W. P. PEAKE, 1st Volunteer Battalion the Leicestershire Regiment, is borne as supernumerary while serving with the Bearer Company of the Leicester and Lincoln Volunteer Infantry Brigade.

## VOLUNTEER INFANTRY BRIGADE BEARER COMPANY.

SURGEON-LIEUTENANT F. E. A. WEBB, from the 3rd (Cambridgeshire) Volunteer Battalion the Suffolk Regiment, is appointed Surgeon-Captain in the Harwich Company, July 14th.

## MEDICO-LEGAL AND MEDICO-ETHICAL.

## MEDICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

WITH reference to a paragraph under this head published in the JOURNAL of September 6th, p. 735, we have received a letter from the newly appointed honorary medical officer of the Chichester Infirmary, in the course of which he states that our surmise that he had nothing to do with the publication of the paragraph mentioned was correct. He adds that the election was contested, and excited much interest in the district; statements of the professional qualifications and experience, and testimonials of both candidates were placed in the hands of the subscribers who were the electors. The professional attainments of the respective candidates were thus an inevitable subject of discussion at the meeting at which the election took place, and as reporters from several newspapers were present, the qualifications of the successful candidate were naturally incorporated in the newspaper reports. We accept unreservedly the honorary medical officer's assurance, and recognize that he has been the victim of a system of election to public appointments which, as has frequently been observed in the JOURNAL, is open to many objections.

## THE LICENSING ACT, 1902.

IN an article upon this Act, published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of August 30th, p. 646, attention was drawn to Section IV, but it should have been pointed out that the section provides that when a licensed person is charged with permitting drunkenness on his premises, and it is proved that any person was drunk on his premises, it shall lie on the licensed person to prove that he and the persons employed by him took all reasonable steps for preventing drunkenness on the premises.

## THE CONDITIONS OF PRACTICE IN CEYLON.

DR. V. C. J. VANDERSTRAATEN sends us another letter complaining of the practice of medicine in Ceylon by unqualified persons, who, he says, are "covered" by qualified practitioners of good standing. Our correspondent appears to desire to apply the rules which are formed for medical practice in the British Islands to a very different state of society in Ceylon, where there is a large native population employing medical practitioners who are not qualified in the sense in which that word is used in this country, but who exist and who cannot be got rid of suddenly; no doubt in time as education progresses they will be superseded by the graduates of the medical schools founded by Government for the medical education of natives of Ceylon. In the meantime, it seems to us that there may be very good reason why the Government of Ceylon and medical practitioners in that island should recognize their status. The local Branch of the Association is the right body to determine the proper course of action to be pursued in these circumstances.

## REMUNERATION OF MEMBER OF DISTRICT COUNCIL FROM FUNDS OF THE SAME BODY.

LEGALITY writes as follows: I should be glad to know if a medical man who is a member of a district council can receive payment for attendance on patients at an isolation hospital where the patients choose their doctor, but the district council pays?

\* \* \* We are not aware that the point has been decided at law, but are of opinion that no payment can be properly made out of the funds of a district council to any member of the same for services rendered, or for any kind of work or labour done.