

rial reduction can be made in the number of medical officers in India nor, for the present at least, in South Africa, and the medical needs of the proposed big depôts of the General-Service Army and of the territorial battalions of the Home-Service Army must be met. If the medical and sanitary work of the army abroad and at home is to be properly done, the establishment of the Army Medical Service cannot be reduced.

The Corps is still short of officers and men, and if the recommendations of the various Royal Commissions still possess the value attached to them when they were made the deficiency must be made good. We believe that neither the public nor the medical profession will be satisfied unless the reforms recommended are carried out, and carried out rather more speedily than we believe latterly has been the case. In the past, when the cry of economy has been raised, it has always been the medical service which has been the first to suffer. Already there are signs that it is to suffer now if Mr. Arnold-Forster has his way unchecked; no progress, for instance, has been made with the Royal Army Medical College, the plans for which were, as we announced at the time, sanctioned more than six months ago—the first sod has not yet been turned. When we find that the vital question of national defence is being considered on the basis of making reductions in the future, we feel bound to warn the authorities that such reductions cannot safely be made in the medical branch of the army, and that if they are attempted an appeal must be made to the people of this country to insist on the prompt execution of those measures which the late war showed to be essential for the efficiency of the Army Medical Services.

ROYAL NAVY MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following appointments have been made at the Admiralty: HERBERT M. ELLIS, Inspector-General, to the *President*, for temporary service at the Admiralty, August 1st; HENRY F. ILIEWICZ, Fleet Surgeon, to the *Excelsent* for the *Colossus* while guardship at Cowes, August 1st; HARDY V. WELLS, Surgeon, to the *Dwarf*, on recommissioning, undated; WILLIAM J. CODRINGTON, M.B., Surgeon, to the *President*, for three months' course of hospital study, July 25th; HUGH P. TURNBULL, Surgeon, to the *President*, for three months' course of hospital study, August 1st.

SOME GRIEVANCES.

A CORRESPONDENT sends us the following brief statement of grievances of the officers of the Royal Navy Medical Service. All have been discussed at length in our columns from time to time (we may refer, for example, to three articles published in the first volume of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL for this year, pp. 679, 665, 1386).

1. *Acting Appointments.*—In the case of the executive, paymaster, and engineering branches a junior officer appointed temporarily to do the work of a senior receives an "acting" appointment—lieutenant to "acting" commander, assistant paymaster to paymaster, etc. This entitles them to the pay of the higher rank whilst doing the duty. In the medical branch there are no acting appointments given; a junior has often to fill a senior's billet temporarily without any extra pay.
 2. *Cabin Accommodation according to Rank.*—The regulations state that officers shall have cabins allotted to them according to their rank, the higher the rank the better the cabin. But, as a matter of fact, the cabins are all labelled in the dockyard before the ship commissions—"commander," surgeon, paymaster, etc., and invariably the executive officers have the better cabins, and usually the medical the worst. There is a regulation which states that cabins are not to be altered after being so labelled. The first regulation is quite useless. Some time ago, when the pay was increased, a regulation stated that medical officer should have a special cabin, but it still remains a "specialty" bad one. Medical officers who have to reach and do much work in their cabins should invariably have an upper-deck cabin.
 3. *Appointments.*—Instead of appointments being, as at present, a matter of favouritism, a roster should be kept, and all medical officers go to sea in turn according to their rank in regard to ships of various sizes). At present there are several junior officers who have held home appointments for five years or so. Exchanges should also be sanctioned.
 4. *Jurisdiction.*—Medical officers should, as in the army, sit on courts-martial of their own men. Medical officers in charge of large hospitals—as Haslar, Plymouth, and Chatham—should have the powers of a captain in regard to punishments. At present accused and witnesses are sent on board the depot ship or the R. N. barracks, where the captain judges the case, probably not understanding it in the least, and therefore giving an inappropriate punishment. In addition, time is wasted in sending the people backwards and forwards.
 5. *Specialists.*—Appointments as specialists in optics, throat and ear cases, and dentistry should be given to each squadron—Mediterranean, China, Australia, etc.—officers being given a chance of qualifying for these, and receiving extra pay. At present there are no officers in any squadron specially qualified in any of these specialties. It is impossible for every medical officer to be a specialist in all subjects, as under the present system he is supposed to be.
- Every medical officer should have a three months' course at a London hospital after a commission abroad.

A CORRECTION: In the notice of the appointment of Mr. R. Balfour Graham as Surgeon and Agent at Leven, published last week, page 153, the initials were incorrectly printed.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

THE undermentioned Lieutenants to be Captains, dated June 27th: F. W. Yambelle, M.B., M. C. Beatty, M.B., T. F. Ritchie, M.B., A. W. Gampey, T. J. Potter, A. J. Williamson, M.B., E. V. Ayles, H. Rogers, M.B., W. Davis,

D. J. F. O'Donoghue. Their first commissions are dated June 27th, 1903. Captain Beatty was in the South African war in 1901 (Queen's medal with four clasps); Captain Ritchie, South African war 1902, including operations in the Transvaal and Orange River and Cape Colonies (mentioned in dispatches); Captain Williamson, South African war, 1902-3 (King's medal with two clasps). The other officers mentioned have no war record in the Army List.

The undermentioned Lieutenants are confirmed in that rank: R. M. Ranking, F. J. Turner, G. F. Rugg, D. S. B. Thomson, M.B., J. Fairbairn, M.B., L. Bousfield, M.B., J. H. Douglass, M.D., A. S. Arthur, M.B., R. R. Lewis, A. L. Otway, M.B., C. H. Turner, D. Le Bas, E. C. Whitehead, M.B., W. F. H. Vaughan, R. B. Hole, M. B., T. C. Lucas, G. E. Cathcart, W. Wiley, M.B., H. Turnbull, M.B., J. A. Turnbull, M. F. Grant, D. P. Johnstone, E. H. M. Moore, M. D. Ahern, F. J. Garland, M. B. A. A. Meaden, R. J. Cahill, M.B., H. B. Connell. Of these officers Lieutenant Ranking was appointed on probation January 31st, 1903; Lieutenant Turner, August 31st, 1903; and all the others, January 30th, 1904.

Captain HENRY EVERED HAYMES died at Tong, Upper Egypt, on March 15th last. He was appointed Lieutenant, January 28th, 1899, and Captain, January 28th, 1902. He was attached to the Egyptian army, September 27th, 1899.

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 last month:

	From.	To.
Colonel W. E. Saunders, C.B.	... Poona	... Meerut.
" F. W. Trevor, M.B.	... Scottish Dist.	... Poona.
" G. A. Hughes, M.B.	... Dublin	... Scottish Dist.
Lt.-Col. I. B. Emerson	... Portsmouth	... York.
" T. F. MacNeece	... Punjab	... Cork.
" A. P. O'Connor, C.B.	... Gibraltar	... Bordon.
" W. Dugdale	... Netley	... S. Africa.
" A. O. Geoghegan, M.D.	... Chester	... Bury.
" J. H. A. Rhodes	... Birmingham	... Malta.
" G. Wilson, M.B. Chester.
Major W. C. Beever, M.B., C.M.G.	... Scots Guards	... Home District.
" J. E. Mallins, M.B.	... Halifax, N.S.	... Portsmouth.
" C. L. Josting Hong Kong.
" J. M. Nicolls, M.B.	... Buttevant	... Malta.
" A. F. H. Griffiths	... Chester	... Birmingham.
" R. W. Wright	... Bengal	... Portsmouth.
" J. W. Bullen, M.D.	... Madras	... Dublin.
" J. W. Jennings, D.S.O.	... Abyssinia	... Chester.
" T. J. Lenehan, M.B.	... Dublin	... S. Africa.
Captain A. F. Tyrrell Bulford.
" H. W. H. O'Reilly, M.B.	... Limerick	... S. Africa.
" L. Addams-Williams	... Bristol	...
" H. S. Taylor W. Africa.
Lieutenant T. J. Wright	... Woolwich	... Dublin.

Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel G. S. Robinson and Major P. Connolly, retired pay, have been placed in medical charge of troops at Belfast and Eastbourne respectively.

The undermentioned Lieutenant-Colonels on retired pay have relinquished the medical charge of troops at the stations cited: J. E. Fannin, Eastbourne; J. O'Reilly, M.B., Guildford; E. A. H. Roe, M.B., Belfast; J. E. Nicholson, Fleetwood.

EXAMINATION OF MAJORS FOR PROMOTION.

AN Army Order just issued announces that for the year 1905 the special subjects for the examination of majors, Royal Army Medical Corps, for promotion to the rank of lieutenant-colonel, referred to in paragraph 5 (a), (b), and (c), Appendix VIII B, of the King's Regulations (inserted by Army Order 182 of 1903) will be:—Subject 5 (a): Medical history of more important campaigns. The medical history of expeditions in the Soudan and Nile Valley, as described in Army Medical Department Reports, vol. xxiv, 1882, Appendix I; vol. xxv, 1883, Appendix VII; and vol. xxvi, 1884, Appendices I, II, III, and IV. Subject 5 (b): A general knowledge of the Army Medical Services of other Powers. The medical organization of the Russian army as described in the Handbook of Medical Organization of Foreign Armies, and in Army Medical Department Report for 1899, Part III of Appendix IV; or the medical organization of a foreign army, selected by the candidate, described within similar limits. Subject (c): The laws and customs of war. Candidates will not be examined in this subject.

KING EDWARD VII'S HOSPITAL FOR OFFICERS.

THE following list of the Honorary Medical Staff for King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers, 9, Grosvenor Gardens, S.W., appointed by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, President, and His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Vice-President, of the Hospital, the appointment being for five years from January 1st, 1904, has been approved by His Majesty as Patron:

- Consulting Surgeons:* Sir Thomas Smith, Bart., K.C.V.O., F.R.C.S., Sir Frederick Treves, Bart., K.C.V.O., C.B., LL.D., F.R.C.S.
Medical Officer: Dr. Charles A. Morris, C.V.O., M.A., M.C., F.R.C.S.
Physicians and Surgeons: Mr. Herbert W. Allingham, F.R.C.S., Sir Thomas Barlow, Bart., K.C.V.O., M.D., LL.D., D.Sc., F.R.C.P., Sir William Henry Bennett, K.C.V.O., F.R.C.S., Mr. Tom Bird, M.A., M.R.C.S., Mr. Anthony A. Bowlby, C.M.G., F.R.C.S., Sir William H. Broadbent, Bart., K.C.V.O., M.D., LL.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S., Mr. Arthur H. Cheate, F.R.C.S., Mr. G. Lenthal Cheate, C.B., F.R.C.S., Sir Anderson Critchett, F.R.C.S. Edin., Dr. Alexander Crombie, C.B., Dr. David Ferrier, LL.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S., Mr. P. J. Freyer, M.A., M.D., M.Ch., Sir Alfred D. Fripp, C.V.O., C.B., M.S., F.R.C.S., Mr. Rickman Godlee, M.S., F.R.C.S., Dr. James Frederick Godhart, LL.D., F.R.C.P., Dr. Frederic William Hewitt, M.V.O., M.A., Sir Victor A. H. Horsley, B.S., F.R.C.S., F.R.S., Mr. George Henry Makins, C.B., F.R.C.S., Mr. Percy Lockhart Mummery, M.B., B.C., F.R.C.S., Dr. Frederick W. Pavy, LL.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S., Sir Richard Douglas Powell, Bart., K.C.V.O., M.D., F.R.C.P., Dr. William Aldren Turner, F.R.C.P., Mr. Henry Roe Walker, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Dr. William Hale White, F.R.C.P.
 Mr. Arthur Blomfield, M.A., F.R.I.B.A., has been appointed architect.

ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

ASSISTANT SURGEON CHARLES LONGMORE, late of the Army Medical Department, died at Market Harborough on July 13th, aged 68 years. He

Br Med J: first published as 10.1136/bmj.2.2273.213 on 23 July 1904. Downloaded from http://www.bmj.com/ on 23 April 2024 by guest. Protected by copyright.