

(b) Both classes of persons must, however, possess at least four perfectly sound opposing molars, viz., two in each jaw, and the same number of incisors similarly placed.

(c) A tooth is to be considered defective when it cannot be made permanently serviceable by dental repair.

(d) In all cases due regard is to be paid to the condition of the remaining teeth, and their being likely to last for at least twelve years. Credit is to be given for teeth which have not erupted, unerupted wisdom teeth excepted ; (e) artificial teeth not recognized.

*Requirements of Her Majesty's Military Service as Regards the Teeth of Candidates for Commissions. Issued by the Medical Department of the War Office, April, 1899.*

The candidates' teeth to be in good order, loss or decay of 10 teeth will be considered a disqualification.

Decayed teeth, if well filled, will be considered as sound.

Artificial teeth not recognised.

*Requirements of Her Majesty's Military Service as Regards the Teeth of Recruits. April, 1899.*

That he possesses a sufficient number of sound teeth for efficient mastication.

The acceptance or rejection of a recruit on account of loss or decay of several teeth will depend upon the consideration of the relative position of those which are no longer effective ; thus the loss of several teeth contiguous to each other in the one jaw, leaving none to oppose those in the other jaw, would be a cause for rejection, but not the loss of a similar number distributed between the two jaws and in different positions. Again the loss of many teeth in a man of an indifferent constitution would point to rejection, while a thoroughly robust recruit who has lost an equal number might be accepted.—*Australian Journal of Dentistry.*

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WHEN in June last we published an excerpt from the *British Medical Journal* on the "Teeth of Recruits," we little thought such a thrill would be felt from one end of the Empire to the other, which we have recently experienced, when brought face to face with the grim realities and horrors of war, which the callousness, foolishness, and wrong-headedness of the enemy has forced upon the Imperial Government. But, in common with all true Britishers, we rejoice in the spontaneous outbursts of loyalty which events have brought forth. It is truly "Hands all round." One lesson we can learn from the above-mentioned military medical require-