

### Military Medical Notes.

DR. WILSON has been gazetted surgeon of the London Field Battery, vice Surgeon-Major Brown, retired.

THE English War Office has decided that regimental stretcher-bearers are fighting men, and are not entitled to the protection of the Geneva Cross. Orders have, therefore, been issued that these men are to wear a badge composed of the letters S. B. (stretcher-bearer), in red letters on a white ground, with a dark blue border.

As there seems to be a doubt in the minds of some persons as to the relative ranks of medical officers under the old and new systems, we tabulate them here :

OLD SYSTEM.	RELATIVE RANK.	PRESENT SYSTEM.
Surgeon-General.	Major-General.	Surgeon-Major-Colonel.
Deputy-Surgeon-General.	Colonel.	Surgeon-Colonel.
Brigade-Surgeon.	Lieut.-Colonel.	Brigade-Surgeon-Lieut.-Colonel.
Surgeon-Major.	Lieut.-Colonel.	Surgeon-Lieut.-Colonel.
Surgeon.	Major.	Surgeon-Major.
Assistant Surgeon.	Captain.	Surgeon-Captain.

CONDENSED FOODS—ARMY RATIONS IN THE FORM OF BUTTONS, PILLS AND CAPSULES.—Coming generations will dispense with the cook and the kitchen. Beefsteaks are to be done away with, vegetables will be a thing of the past, and a roast turkey will be put up in a small package no bigger than a box of cigarettes. Restaurants are to disappear, dinners will no longer be served, and the time now wasted in eating will be saved for more useful purposes. All this is likely to come about through the discoveries which the U.S. War Department is now making in putting up square meals that the soldier can carry in his pocket. When the Japanese soldiers marched into China each man carried a cartridge belt and a dinner belt. Into the latter were stuffed capsules, pills, buttons, and small packages like cartridges, which contained condensed foods of various kinds. If the soldier wanted a cup of tea while on the march, he dropped a button in a tin of hot water. For dinner he could draw a large variety of meats from his food belt. A capsule made the soup and a couple of pills the fish, already seasoned. For the roast he used a few slices of beef which had been condensed under a thousand pressures into a