

and it is recognized that the only way in which further relief can be obtained for either service is by improved organization in the use of the men available.

Officers of the R. A. M. C.—all officers of the Royal Army Medical Corps are fully qualified medical practitioners—state that there is much waste in men and want of skill and consequent loss of life and limb. The following is a characteristic example: A young Harlem Street specialist, one of the leading men in London, volunteered for military service. He was sent to the front and found himself employed in ticking names off a list of wounded. Meanwhile operations demanding the highest expert knowledge and experience were being performed by men who were beginners at the work, and who knew very little about expert surgery.

The superintendent of one of the large London hospitals put the case as follows: "The mistake has been to rush off all the doctors to the base hospitals, distributing them on the old system of a unit to each regiment, and depleting the service at the place where it needed to be strongest, namely, at home. A specialist who joins the Royal Army Medical Corps is no longer regarded as a specialist; he is just a 'qualified man.' He may be an eminent pathologist, or an aural, expert, or an authority in any other branch of medical science, but to the War Office he is just an army doctor.

Here we can see defects that can and should be remedied. Every doctor or surgeon who goes to the front should be given duties to perform for which he is best fitted. By this arrangement, the soldiers would receive the best sort of attendance; and his chances of recovery would be enhanced.

THE IRREGULARS.

Under this heading we group all who practise, or wish to practise, medicine, without taking a proper course of study. The most experienced physicians and surgeons are ready to admit that, notwithstanding their long training at college, and then extensive opportunities afterwards, they are constantly meeting with cases that tax them to the utmost, both in diagnosis and treatment. That those who have only a few months' training, or none at all, must fail in most cases is quite apparent on the face of things. No amount of after experience can make up for a college course of three to six months.

The public was treated a few days ago to a most remarkable exhibition of sophistry when the Christian Scientists appeared before Mr. Justice Hodgins. They were represented by Mr. I. F. Hellmuth, a