

medical services in our armies and navies will be recognized at their true worth, and, meanwhile, we hope that the contest will be kept up until justice is secured.—*Medical Record*.

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SURGEON-CAPTAIN R. R. SLEMAN has issued a "Volunteer Surgeon's Guide," which seems to fill a real vacancy in medico-military literature. The scope of this work can be best understood by the headings of some of the chapters: General Conditions of Service; The Army Medical Reserve of Officers; The Volunteer Medical Staff Corps; Civilian Medical Practitioners in Charge of Troops; Schools of Instruction; Duties of Medical Officers in Camp, Barracks, and on the Line of March; Hospitals in Camp; Brigade Bearer Companies; Discipline; Compliments and Salutes; Uniform; Medals and Decorations. We would recommend our militia surgeons to obtain this useful and inexpensive book. Price 3s. 6d. Clowes & Sons, Charing Cross, London.

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SURGEON-COLONEL W. TAYLOR, M.D., the principal medical officer of the South-eastern Military District, delivered a lecture at Aldershot on "The Medico-Military Arrangements of the Japanese Army in the Field." The lecturer declared that the regimental medical organization of the Japanese army was far superior to our own. The medical arrangements for saving life on the battlefield were perfect, no expense being considered too great to save a Japanese soldier's life. The bravery of the medical department was astonishing; he himself had seen a stretcher bearer company attending to their work in a perfect storm of bullets, and they had cleared a line of fire of eighty killed and wounded in about twenty minutes, having first rendered aid, and before sending the wounded back to the field hospitals in the rear. A discussion followed the lecture, in which Sir William Butler and many other officers took part, and all agreed that the British army had much to learn from the Japanese army.—*The Mail*.

AN IMMORTAL ITEM.—About once a year an item, regarding a report to the British Medical Association on the relative longevity of drinkers and abstainers, goes the ground of the medical press. The fallacy of the figures giving a longer life to habitual drinkers than to total abstainers has been repeatedly exposed, but the item lives on, to the consolation and encouragement of all indulgers.—*Medical Record*.