

Thirdly.—The propriety of the orders given by the Commander of the Expedition for provisioning the sledge parties.

We find that the orders of the Commander of the Expedition for provisioning the three extended and principal spring parties did not include lime juice, thereby deviating from the 11th Article of the Memorandum of Recommendations and Suggestions of the Medical Director-General, furnished by their Lordships for his information, and that the reasons assigned for such deviation being insufficient, the said orders were not proper.

We forward a paper on scurvy drawn up by the Medical Members of the Committee, which will bring to their Lordships' notice the prevailing view of the Medical Profession in regard to this disease, some exceptional cases of immunity from scurvy deserving of further investigation, together with such suggestions in regard to the prevention and treatment of the disease, the use of lime juice and other antiscorbutics, as the professional evidence tendered to the Committee leads them to consider may prove of general interest.

In the memoir entitled "Description of Travelling Equipments," furnished by Rear-Admiral Sir F. Leopold M'Clintock, Kt., for the use of the Expedition, we find the following recommendation:—"With a view to retain and to add to our present knowledge of Arctic Travelling Equipment, I request that, at the close of the Expedition this manuscript, compiled by me for its use, may be returned to the Admiralty, accompanied with the remarks on each article of those officers and men who have been most employed in sledge travelling, and gathered from them after all the sledging has terminated."

We bring this recommendation to their Lordships' notice, in the hope that it will be complied with; and we are of opinion that analogous reports in regard to the food, medicines and medical comforts of the Expedition, will prove of equal service.

For their Lordships' further information we add—

- (5) A Summary, showing the days on which the Committee sat, and from whom the evidence was received.
- (6) Index of Papers which were called for by the Committee, and which will form the Appendix to the Evidence.
- (7) Index of Papers which were called for by the Committee, and not placed in the Appendix, but which should be preserved for future reference.

We have directed our secretary to forward to you the Evidence, accompanied by the requisite Appendix and Index, as soon as it can be prepared.

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