

adopted the same policy, and in answer to a question by Mr. Henniker Heaton, in the House of Commons, Mr. Goschen implied that there were no grounds for believing that the captain was in a state of health that made him unfit to be in command of one of Her Majesty's ships. The First Lord of the Admiralty added that Mr. Lea should have asked counsel of the medical officers of the other ships on the station. Mr. Goschen ought to have known that this is just what Mr. Lea tried to do, but when, at his invitation, his colleagues came on board, they were not allowed to see him. It is a highly suggestive coincidence that a full statement of the medical aspects of the case was, for the first time, laid before the First Lord of the Admiralty on October 9th, and that among the Admiralty appointments in the *Times* of November 4th that of a new captain to the *Ringarooma* should be announced. The significance of this announcement lies in the fact that in the ordinary course the term of the captain's command would not have expired till the end of January. The matter cannot rest here. Englishmen boast that they love fair play, and Mr. Lea has not had fair play. Placed in a position of extraordinary difficulty, for which there seems to be no distinct provision in the Queen's regulations, this young officer did what he conscientiously believed to be his duty. By so doing it is not unlikely that he may have averted a terrible catastrophe. If he did wrong at all, the very height and front of his offending was an error of judgment which might fairly be imputed, not to an insubordinate temper, but to his anxiety about the welfare of his patient and the safety of the crew of which he was in medical charge. The Admiralty would be well advised, for their own sake, to reinstate Mr. Lea, for it is certain that if they do not do so the whole discreditable business will be exposed in Parliament.

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OBITUARY.

We regret to have to record the death of Mr. A. T. Collum, M.B., F.R.C.S., Assistant-Surgeon to Charing Cross Hospital, which occurred on Wednesday afternoon at this hospital after a brief illness from an obscure form of septicæmia. He was a young surgeon of brilliant promise, being not only an admirable operator, but very successful and popular as a teacher.

TIMOTHY E. POMEROY, M.A., M.D.—Dr. T. E. Pomeroy, of Tweed, county of Hastings, died twelve hours after an attack of apoplexy, January 5, 1896, at the age of 70. He received his degree of M.D. from Castleton Medical College in 1860, and that of M.A. from the American University of Philadelphia in 1868. He practised medicine in the village of Tweed for about thirty years, and was highly successful, financially and otherwise. He was for many years surgeon to the 4th Battalion, Hastings Militia.

ALBERT EDWARD YELLAND, M.D., M.C.—Dr. Yelland was a clever and promising young physician of Peterborough. He graduated in 1887 in Trinity University, after having completed his course of four years in Trinity Medical College. He was attacked by severe pain, due to appendicitis, on Friday, February 21. Dr. Jas. F. W. Ross, of Toronto, on receipt of a telegram on Friday, went to Peterborough, Saturday evening, and operated during the night.