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EDITORIAL

COMPETITION.—The competition for the Cover Design of this paper has proved very popular, and many excellent designs have been submitted. Owing to pressure of other work, and the changes that necessarily occur in a hospital, we have been delayed in this work. Many otherwise excellent sketches have been unavailable because of the limitations of reproduction in press work. On the whole, it has been very successful, and those competing are to be congratulated on the excellence of the work.

Prizes are awarded as follows:—1st—Corpl. A. G. Clarke, 6220315; 2nd—Sergt. A. J. Dive, Chatham Annex; 3rd—Pte. A. Stanley, 926, 8th Batt.; 4th—Corp. Oliver, (A. D. M.S., Canadians, London Area). If the winners will call at Major Wilson's office, they will be presented with the amount of the prize.

The Medical History of the War

By the Canadian Medical Historical Recorder
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It is scarce necessary to recount to the patients at the Granville Canadian Special Hospital what the Army Medical Service has accomplished and is accomplishing during this war, or to recall the whole marvellous organisation, stretching from the trenches back through the Lines of Communication and the Base Hospitals to Ramsgate, and the eventual Convalescent Hospital: to point out the conquest of infectious disease, whereby Typhoid, Tetanus and other conditions have been practically banished, the marvels of war surgery, the cleanliness and consequent prevention of diseases, enforced by the Sanitary Sections. All these are matters of as familiar knowledge to those who have "done their bit" as are the doings of their own unit.

Are these triumphs to pass unrecorded? Are not the advances achieved by medicine during this war as fraught with good to future generations as any territorial aggrandisement; or, if we British peoples are not seeking for territorial gain, but to preserve the world from an intolerable despotism, is not the story of the conquest of disease in our ranks as worthy of record as that of the simultaneous conquest of that disease politic, the Hun, outside them?

It is not a little remarkable that of all the many wars waged by Britain during the last century there has not been written, either officially or unofficially, a single medical history worth the name. This accusation is not to be preferred against the authorities regarding this, the greatest of world wars.

Eighteen months ago the War Office appointed a Committee to collect material and prepare such a history. Almost simultaneously the Dominion Government determined that material should be collected for a history of the C.A.M.C. and its activities. Naturally, this would not be upon the same imposing scale as the former work. It will, however, preserve for the people of Canada the story of a band of men who have given up much and have accomplished much for Canada. It will record the deeds of the regimental Medical Officers and Field Ambulances at the front, and describe the very remarkable organisation and work of the units upon the Lines of Communication and at the Base, the Casualty-Clearing Stations, General

and Stationary Hospitals in France, Egypt and Salonica, the General, Special and Convalescent Hospitals in England, and it will dwell upon the medical advances inaugurated in our Hospitals, laboratories and sanitary sections. Nor will the work of one most important part of the medical personnel be forgotten—the Nursing Sisters, who occupy in the Canadian Army a unique position as compared with the nurses in the other allied forces; they alone are Officers in the medical corps.

The material is there: it rests with the Medical Historical Recorder to rise to the occasion.
J. G. A.

Here beginneth the narrative of:

THE OFFICER WHO WAS ORDERLY

And in the sixth year of the reign of George, first-born of Edward, called the "Peacemaker," came certain of a tribe called Canadian, and established a refuge for those heroes who were maimed in the great war; upon the country where the great sea comes close to the shore:

And the chiefs of the tribe selected as Head of their sanctuary, one who was learned in Physic and the Laws of the Combat, and his authority was great in the sanctuary, because he was beloved of the afflicted, and respected by those who ministered to them:

Inasmuch as his days were full of labour he caused to be appointed each week from among his Prophets one who was called Orderly, and this man for a space of seven days and seven nights, was exalted of men: He was allowed to wear his helmet and carry a staff, and receive homage so that even the stars were not more numerous than the respects which were paid to him:

And it came to pass, in the first watch of the morning while it was yet night, and the Officer who was Orderly slept, behold there appeared at the door of his chamber one who was resplendent in new raiment. His buttons shone as the stars, and his buckles as the sun in far Canada:

And he led the Officer who was Orderly to the halls where feasted the men-at-arms, to the dungeons, to the baths, and to the battlements, to the chambers of those who slept in the midst of quiet, and to the halls where men rested, wherein the air was even as a fog at sea and there was a babel of many voices.

And he of the buttons led the Officer who was Orderly up countless stairs, through passages and chambers, ever shouting as if in the market place, "Zhunawdleorfzer;" and so great was his authority that even the music of feasting was stilled at his word:

And it came to pass that when the Officer who was Orderly was wearied unto death, with seeing things in the heavens above and in the regions under the earth, he returned to his chamber. For his legs ached mightily from much climbing, and his arms from much saluting:

And about the tenth hour of the night he of the buttons appeareth again at the door of the chamber wherein rested the Officer who was Orderly, and said that one possessed of a Devil had arrived in the camp, and the Officer who was Orderly saw that because of Evil Spirits which were within him, this man wot not of what he said nor yet of his surroundings; but talked boastfully of his doings; so he he commanded that he be led forthwith to the dungeon and that he be watched over by the Captain of the Guard.

And the Officer who was Orderly slept again in his chamber.
W.W.P.