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VALEDICTORY

It is with a feeling of sadness that I pen these lines—the last I write in the capacity of News Editor of this our Hospital Paper.

Viewed in retrospect, my six months of patient-life in the Granville have been very pleasant, and I am really sorry to leave. I often hear fellows criticizing the place adversely—it's apt to become a habit in the army—but I fancy most of you will feel as I do when the time comes to go away—feel that you are parting

from fine fellows and a comfortable atmosphere.

I hope the sallies I have made at men, departments, and the hospital generally, have always been taken in the spirit of pure fun which prompted them; for I shouldn't like to feel I had left a single sting behind. To the Officers and comrades who have helped me with contributions and suggestions I extend my grateful thanks, while I ask them to continue to help my successor, whoever he may be, in the same way. In years to come many of you will regard these copies as souvenirs of a phase of your war experiences; now is your opportunity to muke them the more interesting in that they include something from your own pen.

I feel deeply sensible of the kindly courtesy I have met on every hand at the Granville, and shall carry the memories of the men

who gave it wherever I may go. And so, Au revoir!

Pte. C. H. Dodwell. (Kriticos, C.HD, Blue Armlet.)

Why He Fainted.

Pte. K. was just coming round after his operation, and the fumes of ether were still heavy upon him. As he laid in bed he heard the men on either side discussing their own operations, which had been performed some time previously.

"Do you know," said the first, when they operated on me first they left a pair of forceps inside, and had to operate again to

get them out."

"That's strange," said number two, "because I had a sponge left inside me, and they had to have another go to recover it."

Pte. K. trembled and sweated, At that moment the Surgeon looked into the ward and said, "Has anybody seen my hat?" That finished him.