

surgical aid to the people, distribute food and clothing in cases of urgent necessity, to the destitute and starving, and also administer to their spiritual welfare, by holding religious services whenever opportunity offers.

#### CHANGES AMONGST THE OFFICERS DURING THE COMMISSION.

This ship has been particularly fortunate in her promotions. First Lieut. SACKVILLE H. CARDEN was promoted to Commander, on the 1st January, 1894; then six months later, Lieut. R. G. COLMORE attained the same rank, and both were reappointed; Staff-Paymaster SCEALES, became Fleet-Paymaster, in January, 1895; Mr. FUSSELL, Chief Engineer, and Mr. LEONARD, Paymaster.

Lieut. NEILSON, R.N.R., after completing a years' training, returned to the British India Co., and was succeeded by Lieut. SHOLTO DOUGLAS., while the Hon. A. G. HARDINGE, relieved Lieut. HENNIKER. The gunroom has had many changes, Sub-Lieut. BOYLE was promoted and succeeded by Sub-Lieut. THORP, who was promoted and succeeded by Sub-Lieut. KERR-PEARSE, who again gave place to Sub-Lieut. HAMILTON. The three senior Midshipmen were promoted to Subs., and their places taken by three others from the fleet—Messrs. HOTHAM, ROE, and GATHORNE-HARDY. Messrs. HOTHAM and ROE have just passed for Sub-Lieut., and have obtained first-class certificates in seamanship, while Mr. VIZARD has been promoted to Assistant Paymaster. The gunner Mr. ED. PEARS, was invalided, and replaced by Mr. A. J. BEARNE.

Although no one has changed from the single to the married state during the commission, yet Cupid has been busy during the last few months, and has secured several victims. Two of the Wardroom Officers of H.M.S. Cleopatra have fallen to the irresistible attractions of the beauties of St. John's, and the public announcements of their engagements were made within a week of each other. But the Cleopatra has not alone been favoured; one of the officers of the Pelican joined the happy band of benedicts during the last summer, while various rumours are current regarding the sad havoc wrought by the little god in H.M.S. Buzzard.

During the commission we lost:—

WM. BISHOP, aged 21, Private Marine, from Drowning.
WM. TURNER, „ 25, A.B. ... „ Pneumonia.
ALBERT STOKES „ 37, P.O. ... „ Brain disease.
THOS. COOK, „ 18, O.S. ... „ Fracture spine.