logical outcome of his report, if accepted, and I suggested that that was the question we who are interested in these institutions must put to ourselves.

I am obliged to Dr. Ronald Carter for his support. From his own long and practical experience he appreciates, I know, the real difficulty of compiling thoroughly satisfactory mortality tables for consultation infants. It could be more satisfactorily done by medical officers of health than by medical officers to consultations, most of whom in times past have not been directly connected with Public Health departments, nor, therefore, had the facilities for the extended inquiry which such tables imply.

I hope, however, in due time to be in a position to publish some statistics dealing with this point.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

H. W. POOLER, M.B.,
Medical Superintendent, Derbyshire County Infant
Welfare Centres.
Stonebroom, Alfreton, August 11th, 1918.

THE LATE MR. W. MORLEY WILLIS, OF NOTTINGHAM.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—We should like to record the loss to British surgery in the death of that brilliant young surgeon, Mr. W. Morley Willis, F.R.C.S. Eng. Clear-headed, indefatigable, and self-confident, he was bound, if he had lived, to take a place in the first rank of his profession; his death seems to have escaped public notice.

He was a native of Bristol and was educated at Taunton Grammar School. A business career had been arranged for him, and for some time to meet the wishes of his relatives he made an effort in this direction, although from boyhood his ambition was to be a surgeon. But with his twenty-first year he brushed aside all other considerations and commenced the study of medicine at University College, Bristol. When he qualified in 1895 he continued his surgical studies at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, taking the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in the following year.

Commencing practice in Nottingham in 1897, he joined the surgical staff of the Children's Hospital, and in 1901 he was appointed assistant surgeon to the Nottingham General Hospital. Soon after this he abandoned general practice and confined himself entirely to surgery. In addition to the public work which these appointments entailed, Mr. Willis's heavy duties in connexion with various military hospitals made his life latterly a very full one. Two months ago, while well, cheerful, and full of work and vigour, he was struck down with fatal illness, which he faced with extraordinary courage and pluck. Mr. Willis was not only a brilliant surgeon and skilful diagnostician, but a kindly and courteous colleague, always ready to give help and advice in difficult cases and eager to assist the younger men in any way he could. He has been greatly missed by his colleagues and by his patients, who loved him for his cheery optimism and charming manner. Mr. Willis leaves a widow and two daughters.—We are, Sir, yours faithfully,

JOHN MACKIE, L.R.C.P. Edin.,

H. BELL TAWSE, F.R.C.S. Eng.,

Assistant Surgeon to the Nottingham General
Hospital.

August 9th, 1918.

COLONIES IN THE TREATMENT OF PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—I note in your issue for August 3rd two articles on the above subject. To me it appears the eternal mistake of not knowing the beginnings of tuberculosis is being made. In my experience very few early cases of pulmonary tuberculosis require more than three months in a sanatorium, and those that require more would seldom be better for being made to work. Colonies are only suitable for chronic cases—that is, cases which have not been treated properly when exhibiting symptoms of activity. Whether the expense involved in treating cases of this kind for prolonged periods is justified is more than open to doubt. That it is impossible to treat tuberculosis in the early stage at dispensaries would seem obvious to anyone who has had to deal with this disease; some might at great risk to themselves be treated at home, but never by walking about. That early

cases require as long as 18 months must also usually be an error, and it seems probable that the truth must lie between these two extremes. I should like to suggest to physicians to take a previous and careful history of the health of all the cases they regard as early, and in the light of the new facts re-grade their cases and try to avoid allowing their future patients to become chronic.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

EDWARD E. PREST.

Ayrshire Sanatorium, New Cumnock, August 7th, 1918.

THE SERVICES.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

Surgeons (Reserve) to be Staff-Surgeons (Reserve): J. P. Berry, C. F. Bainbridge, S. N. McBean. To be temporary Surgeons: W. E. M. Wardill, V. T. Smith, S. C. Mitchell, S. Acheson. The following appointments have been made:—Surgeons (temporary): H. Whyte to *Centurion*; B. F. Niblock to Chatham Hospital; J. D. Arthur to Plymouth Hospital; and W. Edgar to Haslar Hospital.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

The undermentioned temporary appointments are made at the War Office: Dep. Asst. Dir.-Gens.: Capt. E. F. W. Mackenzie, and to be temporary Major whilst so employed; Temp. Major S. Fleming.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

T. B. Rhodes, late temp. Major, is granted the honorary rank of Major.

M. A. Collins, late temp. Capt., to be temporary Lieutenant-Colonel whilst serving at the Ewell (County of London) War Hospital.

Temporary Captains relinquishing their commissions and are granted the honorary rank of Captain: J. Glaister, on account of ill-health contracted on active service; L. M. Webber, on account of ill-health caused by wounds.

Temporary Lieutenants to be temporary Captains: R. T. St. J. Brooks, D. G. Halsted, H. E. Gray, J. L. McCann, E. H. R. Harries, W. W. Walker, A. M. Hewat, (Acting Major) D. Burrows, J. A. Loughridge, J. A. Clarke, H. M. Raven, R. M. Menzies, W. A. Mahon, R. McN. Wilson, G. M. Coope, A. F. Sanderson, A. M. Jones, A. Rhodes, M. Hocken, N. K. Foster, J. C. Middleton, A. Allison, C. W. Ewing, R. Wade, E. D. W. Reid, C. R. Wilkins, K. H. Bennett, F. H. Flack, S. S. M. Wood, (Acting Major) R. G. Oram, G. J. Eady, D. Martin, H. Sinson, J. Hunter, A. Brownlie, J. H. Thompson, J. E. R. McDonagh, L. G. Leonard, D. A. Stewart, C. Garner, J. A. Brown, T. N. Withew, W. Murray, F. Butler, A. White, J. D. Kenyon, W. J. McFeat, T. D. Graham, H. J. van Praagh, R. N. Berman, A. Bradshaw, A. G. Craib, D. M. McGillivray, A. D. Yule, W. Gorrie, W. Boyd, T. W. Bayne, G. B. Charnock, R. Parry, G. B. Warburton, G. Newstead, W. Angus, J. K. Willis, F. B. O'Dowd, G. H. Mead, R. J. Reynolds, J. H. Sutcliffe, H. H. Jenkins, J. K. Hamilton, G. A. Rorie, A. S. Campbell, A. T. MacKenzie, S. Bree, S. G. Corner, D. A. Dewar, W. J. D. Bromley, A. Davies, R. Davidson, J. W. Simon, K. R. C. Hallows, F. D. Parbury, S. L. O. Young, N. McC. Hutchison, F. D. Nicholson, W. L. English, E. Banks, A. S. M. Palmer, E. E. Cassady, L. D. Stamp, H. P. Dawson, A. M. Laurie, J. Donaldson, H. M. Reeve, M. F. Emrys-Jones, W. G. Riley, A. Morton, A. Barker, D. Purdie, J. F. Findlay, H. J. Beddow, R. L. Haines, E. F. Thomas, A. D. Crofts, H. J. Rae, G. C. B. Miéville, C. W. Hutt, R. S. Roper, P. W. Stewart, F. F. Laidlaw, A. V. Ledger, N. C. Rogers, H. Snape, K. S. Melvin, J. R. Cameron, T. Miller, A. Robertson, P. E. Carroll, M. T. D. McMurrich, A. Boyle, E. E. Atkin, J. Fletcher.

Temp. Hon. Lieut. A. H. Good to be temporary Honorary Captain.

Temp. Lieut. Michael J. MacCarthy relinquishes his commission.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

Major (temp. Col.) A. Milne-Thomson relinquishes his temporary rank on vacating appointment as Assistant Director of Medical Services, and is restored to the establishment.

Major (Bt. Lieut.-Col.) T. D. Acland remains seconded whilst holding a temporary commission in the R.A.M.C.

Capt. A. N. McGregor is restored to the establishment.

Capt. J. Allan to be Major.

Capt. A. E. Woodhead is seconded for duty.

Capt. (acting Major) H. Henry relinquishes his acting rank.

Capt. A. McLean is seconded for duty with General Hospital.

R. B. Driscoll and S. Shaw, R.A.M.C., to be Lieutenants.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Medical Branch.—A. P. Woolright (late Captain, R.A.M.C.) and W. G. West are granted temporary commissions as Captains.

P. A. Dormer, R. W. Stephenson, G. F. H. Bloom, H. B. B. Greene are granted temporary commissions as Lieutenants.

Dental Branch.—W. C. Murray (late Dental Surgeon, R.N.V.R.) is granted a temporary commission as Captain and to be temporary Major whilst specially employed.

DEATH OF MR. B. G. DERRY, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.—Mr. Bartholomew Gidley Derry died on August 8th, at his residence at Bodmin, from the effects of a carriage accident. Mr. Derry, who was in his seventy-second year, had practised in Bodmin for 47 years. He had an extensive practice and he was medical officer of health for the Bodmin (Cornwall) urban district, surgeon to the Civil and Naval Prisons at Bodmin, and also held other appointments in which he earned high respect in Bodmin and the district. He leaves two sons and three daughters.