forward and a gathering in of loose ends in order that, in the strenuous days ahead, the dentists of this country may continue to hold their position as second to none.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
D. M. SHAW,
Instructor, and Curator of the Mechanical Laboratories,
Royal Dental Hospital of London.
Leicester-square, W.C., Dec. 28th, 1915.

GERMAN MEASLES.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—Although the substitution of the title epidemic roseola or roserash for this disease, as suggested by Dr. Clement Dukes in your issue for Dec. 25th, might be desirable, I would suggest that until writers of text-books initiate the practice it is premature to expect the medical profession in general to adopt such a course.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
Brighton, Dec. 27th, 1915. C. W. HUTT, M.D., D.P.H.

A COMBINED PHYSICAL TREATMENT FOR DISABLED SOLDIERS.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—*Ex Africâ semper aliquid novi.* In your issue of Dec. 25th a humorous letter is published from the East of Scotland. Dr. T. D. Luke, of Peebles, very modestly describes himself as “a humble balneologist,” yet I venture to suggest that even the most humble balneologist usually knows that in neurasthenic conditions there is all the difference between the application of the ordinary douche and the under-water douche or the running-water bath. I would suggest to Dr. Luke that if he made inquiries of the medical authorities at the Grand Palais Hospital in Paris he will find that there is a similar difference between the ordinary hot douche and the hyperthermal *eau courante* treatment, against which he gibes so pleasantly.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
J. CAMPBELL MCCLURE.
Harley-street, W., Dec. 28th, 1915.

THE BELGIAN DOCTORS' AND PHARMACISTS' RELIEF FUND.

THE WEEK'S SUBSCRIPTIONS.

THE subscriptions to the Belgian Doctors' and Pharmacists' Relief Fund received during the week have been as follows:—

£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bournemouth Division, B.M.A. (per Dr. Eleanor C. Bond, Hon. Sec.)— Dr. C. J. Girling, Cran- borne 0 10 6 Dr. Margaret McNeill ... 1 0 0 Dr. Mantle (per Dr. Barrs) 5 5 0 Dr. G. D. H. Carpenter (eighth donation, total £8)... .. 1 0 0	Balance of Fund raised by medical men of Mansfield and neigh- bourhood to give hos- pitality to a Belgian family who have now returned to Belgium (per Dr. G. Temple Tate) 8 1 2 Dr. Albert May 0 10 6

Subscriptions to the Fund should be sent to the treasurer of the Fund, Dr. H. A. Des Vœux, at 14, Buckingham-gate, London, S.W., and should be made payable to the Belgian Doctors' and Pharmacists' Relief Fund, crossed Lloyds Bank, Limited.

The War.

THE CASUALTY LIST.

THE following names of medical men appear among the casualties announced since our last issue:—

Died of Wounds.

Colonel E. O. Wight, R.A.M.C., Assistant Director of Medical Services, with the 49th division.
Lieutenant O. G. Maginness, attached to the Royal Field Artillery, was educated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital and received his qualification in 1913. Prior to the war he had an appointment in H.M. Dockyard, Pembroke Docks.

Wounded.

Lieutenant J. Campbell, R.A.M.C.
Lieutenant A. C. Edwards, R.A.M.C., attached to the 4th Yorks Light Infantry (T.F.).
Lieutenant F. G. Foster, R.A.M.C.
Captain C. A. Bernard, R.A.M.C., attached to the 4th York and Lancaster Regiment (T.F.).
Captain J. S. Hall, R.A.M.C., attached to the 5th York and Lancaster Regiment (T.F.).
Captain A. L. Shearwood, R.A.M.C.

THE CENTRAL MEDICAL WAR COMMITTEE: MEDICAL ENROLMENT.

Compulsory military service need not affect the position of members of the medical profession, as the arrangements made by the Local Medical War Committees should suffice to meet all the demands of the medical service of the army. Full details of the plan of the Scottish Medical Service Emergency Committee are given below, and the details of the method of procedure in England and Wales, which it is hoped to announce next week, will probably be on the same lines. Medical men in England and Wales who have not yet enrolled should at once do so through the Local Medical War Committees, which are in direct communication with the Central Medical War Committee for England and Wales. This Committee will give to each applicant a certificate of enrolment. It has arranged the grouping of members, and with regard to the order in which individuals should be called on for service it will consider, in coöperation with the Local Medical War Committees, the special difficulties of any individual practitioner. On any point of personal difficulty medical men in England and Wales are invited to communicate direct with the secretaries, 429, Strand, London, W.C.

The Central Medical War Committee has been actively engaged working at certain of the problems which have been lately discussed in Parliament and the daily press in connexion with the demands made by the War Office upon the members of the civilian medical profession. As might have been expected, the principal difficulties arise in connexion with the position of the panel practitioners who are under contract to discharge certain duties, and upon whose services the National Health Insurance Commissioners naturally desire to exercise their lien. Much detailed information is in the hands both of the Commissioners and the executive subcommittee of the Central Medical War Committee as to the number of general practitioners compared with population in the different administrative areas, and the result of coöperation will certainly smooth away some of the difficulties which are only too