pain over the sacro-iliac joint behind. I have seen many cases now, but never one in which this sign was absent.

As regards treatment, does not your annotation present altogether too rosy a view? "Treatment is simple and gives most satisfactory results." I have found treatment most difficult and disappointing, having only been able to cure completely two cases. The keynote of the treatment is to compress the two halves of the pelvis together, but in actual practice this is not easy. Encircling strips of plaster applied tightly cause sores at their edges after one or two days, and have to be left off while the sores heal; belts have all proved unsatisfactory, while manipulation under an anæsthetic relieves for a time, only to be followed by a recurrence of the trouble. The best apparatus has proved to be an ordinary corset with reinforcing webbing bands around the pelvis.

Finally, as to nomenclature. For reasons I do not propose to enter into here, there are many objections to the term "sacro-iliac strain." These are all got over by describing the condition as "painful sacro-iliac joint."

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

Harley-street, W., Sept. 29th, 1917. PAUL BERNARD ROTH.

A WAR MEMORIAL TO OLD EPSOMIANS.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—Two informal meetings of old Epsomians have been held regarding the question of raising a memorial to old Epsom boys who have fought and fallen in this war. It was decided that a meeting should be held at the offices of the College, 37, Soho-square, London, W., at 4 P.M., on Friday, Oct. 12th. It is hoped to get an expression of opinion at that meeting as to whether such a memorial should be raised, how it should be raised, and what form such a memorial should take. A treasurer and secretaries for this memorial fund will be appointed. The Rev. W. Barton, the headmaster of the school, and myself are acting as secretaries until the regular appointments are made. As addresses are so uncertain it has seemed desirable to notify old Epsom boys of this meeting through the newspapers. Will all who can come to the meeting, and will those who cannot come express their views in a letter addressed to me?

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

EDRED M. CORNER.

7, Harley-street, London, W. 1, Sept. 28th, 1917.

A CASE OF PERIODIC ATTACKS OF PYREXIA.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—The case recorded by Dr. R. V. Solly under the above heading in your issue of Sept. 8th (p. 386) has considerable resemblance to one of rat-bite fever. The regular pyrexial attacks with high temperature and "well" intervals, the erythematous eruption, the cessation of the disease after the administration of galyl, and the seven-weeks' duration before the pyrexial attacks began to become irregular, all coincide closely with the course of a case of rat-bite fever.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

R. TANNER HEWLETT, M.D. Lond.

Chandos-street, W.C., Sept. 24th, 1917.

"RECONSTRUCTION."

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—I have read with great pleasure the leading article entitled "Reconstruction" in your issue of Sept. 15th, and warmly welcome the suggestion of the formation of a board such as you put forward to consider and interpret facts relating to professional reconstruction after the war. Since the outbreak of war there has been a tendency on the part of certain of those remaining at home to try to create a new Heaven and new earth, in the absence of their betters, with themselves as archangels. This tendency has resulted in a complete revolution of our political electorate, and now threatens an equally drastic change in our professional status. Apart from the impertinence, which surely is sometimes evident, it is also an injustice. During the last two years I have been in many parts of the world, and I can only say that amongst the hundreds of

medical officers that I have met there exists a real mistrust as to our future status—a general feeling that our interests are being neglected and that our future is being decided overmuch by the "indispensables" and the "embusquers," who suffer from glib tongues and lately from overweighted pockets. I hope that others will give you their views on the matter, especially those connected with medical units serving abroad.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

A. HURRELL STYLE, M.A., M.D. Cantab.,

Temporary Captain, R.A.M.C.

Royal Societies Club, St. James's-street, S.W., Sept. 28th, 1917.

THE SERVICES.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

Temp. Col. F. M. Caird (Lieutenant-Colonel, R.A.M.C.T.F.) relinquishes his temporary rank on re-posting.

Temporary Lieutenant-Colonels to be temporary Colonels: Sir T. Myles, C.B., Sir W. A. Lane, C.B., J. Swain, C.B., Sir B. G. A. Moynihan, C.B., W. Taylor, A. Carlless, Sir A. Chance, A. W. Mayo Robson, C.V.O., C.B., C. J. Symonds, C.B., C.M.G., T. H. Openshaw, C.B., C.M.G., W. Hunter, C.B., W. Aldren Turner, C.B., H. M. Davy, C.B.

Honorary Lieutenant-Colonels to be temporary Honorary Colonels: J. L. Thomas, C.B., C.M.G., J. F. O'Carroll.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Major A. N. Fraser, D.S.O., to be temporary Lieutenant-Colonel whilst commanding a Training Centre.

Temp. Major R. Davies-Colley to be temporary Lieutenant-Colonel whilst specially employed.

Major (Bt. Lieut.-Col.) H. J. Crossley to be acting Lieutenant-Colonel whilst in command of a Stationary Hospital.

Major (Bt. Lieut.-Col.) H. J. Crossley relinquishes the rank of acting Lieutenant-Colonel on re-posting.

Major (Bt. Lieut.-Col.) C. R. S. Bradley relinquishes the rank of temporary Lieutenant-Colonel on ceasing to command a Training Centre.

Temp. Capt. E. P. G. Causton to be temporary Major.

H. H. K. Sparrow and P. A. Sullivan, late temporary Captains, to be honorary Captains.

Temp. Lieuts. to be temporary Captains: H. McLean, R. A. Campbell, R. A. MacNeill, G. H. Fraser, J. M. Johnstone, J. J. Moriarty, T. B. Watson, T. H. Jackson, J. A. Noble, J. H. Sharpe, W. E. Hodgins, A. S. Carter, T. Jones, A. H. Davies, R. H. Stoddard, E. R. T. Nuthall, F. P. Wigfield, P. Stevenson, J. McN. Murray, V. E. Somerset, J. C. M. Bailey, R. K. G. Graves, F. Newey, N. N. Haysom, E. G. Howell, C. H. Comerford, R. J. MacKessack, P. Pollard, J. A. Renshaw, A. H. Howard, D. G. S. Gartshore, L. C. Blackstone, C. S. U. Rippon, H. D. Stewart, A. Fothergill, H. V. Taylor, J. G. Johnstone, M. C. Stark, C. D. Day, J. W. Steel, R. W. Annison, K. H. Stokes, W. A. Simpson, J. Warnock, J. E. P. Shera, N. C. Lake, C. F. Graves, A. S. Holden, A. H. Burnett, C. C. Morgan, N. Davidson, A. C. Craighead, T. L. Henderson, A. Kerr, W. C. Fraser, K. McLay, W. W. Johns, W. S. Angus, H. G. E. Williams, J. B. Whitfield, J. M. Jarvie, F. W. Murray, R. J. Wilson, J. D. Judson, W. R. Wiseman, D. G. C. Tasker, G. E. A. Petrie, H. F. Woods, A. Duguid, R. S. Barker, W. L. Johnson, F. W. Grant, C. Tylor, P. Henderson, G. A. Lyons, T. D. H. Holmes, T. Jackson, H. S. Banks, F. G. Bergin.

To be temporary honorary Lieutenants: B. E. Hawke and C. H. Evans.

Officers relinquishing their commissions: Temp. Major W. D. Knocker (on account of ill-health); Temp. Capt. F. W. Lyle (granted the honorary rank of Captain), H. de C. Dillon (on account of ill-health contracted on active service; granted the honorary rank of Captain), M. A. B. McCarthy (granted the honorary rank of Captain), J. Brunton, N. Grace, S. G. Vinter, C. H. Brookes, J. S. S. Perkins, A. H. H. Sinclair, W. J. Hicks, W. J. Gow, C. D. Pile, F. C. Drew, A. S. Anderson, A. G. Watson. Temporary Lieutenants: P. E. Howie (on account of ill-health), A. T. Thurston, R. Lee, R. Jones, D. Penman, G. Holman, J. Mellor, W. S. Kidd, H. W. Heasman, N. F. Stallard, W. H. Gray, J. R. Kerr, J. Loftus, A. F. Martin, M. Waldron, J. S. F. Weir, J. Findlay, R. S. Doran, C. H. Houghton, H. Nicol, R. H. Jamieson, T. H. Underhill, T. A. Matthews, J. M. Hall, E. J. Fitzgerald, H. G. Ramsbottom, W. E. Bramley-Moore, H. A. Fenton, S. J. Yeates, J. H. C. Thompson, S. J. Moore, W. S. McDougall, J. T. Bailey, W. McM. Millar, H. H. Hiley, E. G. Fearnside, T. G. Maitland, J. E. Richards, G. F. Longbotham, J. B. McCutcheon, J. D. S. Sinclair, W. Garstang, J. R. Frost, E. W. Atkinson, G. R. Hughes, J. R. Micallef, A. Kinsey-Morgan.

SPECIAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Second Lieut. S. Riddiough, from Unattached List, T.F., to be Lieutenant.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

Major (temp. Lieut.-Col.) E. H. Cox relinquishes his temporary rank on ceasing to command a Field Ambulance.

Capt. C. E. Silvester to be Major.

Cpts. T. M. Jamieson and E. H. E. Stack are restored to the establishment.

Capt. (temp. Major) W. B. Secretan relinquishes his temporary rank on alteration in posting and is restored to the establishment.

Cpts. H. N. Fletcher and F. A. S. Hutchinson are seconded for duty with a General Hospital.

Capt. J. D. Holmes is restored to the establishment.

Second Lieut. C. P. Matthews, from East Surrey Regiment, to be Lieutenant.

F. Isdell to be temporary Lieutenant and Medical Officer, 4th Battalion, Essex Volunteer Regiment.

JAPANESE ORDER.

The Order of the Sacred Treasure of the First Class has been conferred on Surg.-Gen. Sir Arthur William May, K.C.B., K.H.P., by the Emperor of Japan.