

Correspondence.

THE TREATMENT OF THE SAC.

TO THE EDITOR, "INDIAN MEDICAL GAZETTE."

SIR,—Regarding the question "of the treatment of the sac in hernia operations," on which subject, you published an extract from my last annual report of the Khoorda Dispensary in your journal for April, together with your editorial remarks on the treatment of the sac in various forms of hernia, I should like to add that the case treated by me was of the acquired variety; it was an oversight on my part not stating this fact in my notes.

In your remarks regarding the treatment of the sac in this variety of hernia, you say "it either becomes a cyst similar to a hydrocele or hæmatocele"—I should be glad to know if there has been any practical demonstration of the former of these conditions arising, and if the bleeding points are efficiently dealt with—and this is particularly easy of accomplishment in this operation—before closing the wound, how do we get a hæmatocele? Again, you say, "after removing the sac, the cavity occupied by it collapses, and if kept sweet and properly drained, heals in a week or ten days without any trouble."—Does this happy result always occur? I think I can remember at least one case in which the wound has healed by first intention, yet there has been troublesome inflammation of the scrotal tissues: up to this time, I have only on three occasions left the sac behind, so that my experience is limited, still in not one of these cases has there been anything like a hydrocele, hæmatocele nor any inflammation of the scrotal tissues; so as regards the latter condition, I am bound to suspect the pulling and tearing of the tissues, necessary for separating the sac, as being the cause.

Again, I take it, there is just as much chance of suppuration and putrefaction arising whether the sac be left or be removed, neither condition being likely to supervene if strict attention be paid to antiseptic details, an attention I invariably pay.

Drainage was purposely omitted in my operation, so that the case should have a fair chance of answering my question.

BARISAL, }
19th April 1891. }

Yours faithfully,
G. JAMESON,
Civil Surgeon.

Appointments, Leave, &c.

THE Commander-in-Chief in India is pleased to make the following appointment on His Excellency's Personal Staff:—
EDWARDS, Surgeon W. R., M.D., I.M.S., to be Surgeon, *vice* Surgeon-Major C. W. Owen, C.M.G., C.I.F., resigned. Dated 1st April 1891.

The Commander-in-Chief in India is pleased to make the following appointments:—

GILLIGAN, Surgeon-Major W. A., to the officiating medical charge of the 19th Bengal Lancers, *vice* Surgeon M. A. Ker, on field service with the Hazara Expedition, 5th Punjab Cavalry.

LUMSDEN, Surgeon P. J., to the temporary medical charge of the Guides Cavalry, *vice* Surgeon-Major A. Duncan, proceeded on field service with the Hazara Expedition, 4th Bengal Infantry.

MACLEOD, Surgeon H. W. G., to the medical charge of the 19th Punjab Infantry, *vice* Surgeon-Major J. W. Johnston, retired from the service.

DRAKE-BROCKMAN, Surgeon H. E., on return from field service with the Miranzai Expedition, is re-appointed to the officiating medical charge of the regiment, *vice* Surgeon H. W. G. Macleod.

O'GORMAN, Surgeon P. W., on return from field service with the Miranzai Expedition, is re-appointed to the officiating medical charge of the 20th Punjab Native Infantry, *vice* Surgeon-Major W. E. B. Moynan, on sick leave.

WHITECHURCH, Surgeon H. F., to the officiating medical charge of the 24th Punjab Infantry, *vice* Surgeon-Major H. J. Linton, on furlough.

GILBERT, Surgeon C. E. L., to the medical charge of the 30th Punjab Infantry, *vice* Surgeon-Major F. C. Chatterji, transferred permanently to civil employment.

LANE, Surgeon D. T., on return from field service with the Miranzai Expedition, is re-appointed to the officiating medical charge of the regiment, *vice* Surgeon C. E. L. Gilbert.

WIMBERLEY, Surgeon C. N. C., to the officiating medical charge of the 3rd Punjab Infantry, *vice* Surgeon H. E. Banatvala, on furlough.

O'KINEALY and BUIST, Surgeons F. and A. W. T., have been ordered on arrival from England to be attached to the Presidency District and detachment 18th B. L., at Gantock respectively.

NANDI, Surgeon S. C. Nandi, I.M.S., having reported his arrival from Allahabad, will proceed to Kohima for duty in the General Hospital.

MOOKERJEE, Surgeon W. N., I.M.S., will take medical charge of D Section No. 24, Native Field Hospital proceeding for service to Dinapur.

GIMLETTE, Surgeon-Major, is confirmed in his appointment of Agency Surgeon, Baghelkhand.

MURRAY and CLARK. The services of Surgeons J. and W. are placed at the disposal of the Home Department.

DALY, Surgeon J. T., Officiating Civil Surgeon of Shillong, is appointed to be Vice-Chairman of the Shillong Station Committee.

PARTRIDGE, Dr. T. D'O., Officiating Civil Surgeon, Sylhet, on being relieved by Assistant-Surgeon Narayan Chandra Basu, is re-transferred to the Cachar district.

FOUNSYTH, Dr. W., Civil Medical Officer, Birbhum, is appointed to act as Health Officer of the port of Calcutta during the absence, on deputation, of Dr. R. MacLeod.

GILL, Apothecary G., Medical Officer of the Eastern Bengal State Railways, is appointed to act, until further orders, as House Surgeon, Howrah General Hospital, *vice* Apothecary W. A. Williams, on furlough.

NUGENT, Assistant Apothecary R., Officiating House Surgeon, Howrah General Hospital, is appointed to be Medical Officer of the Eastern Bengal System of State Railways at Saidpur, *vice* Apothecary G. Gill, transferred to the Howrah General Hospital.

BRATSON, Surgeon-Major W., Civil Surgeon of Bhagalpur, is appointed to have executive charge of the Bhagalpur Central Jail, in addition to his own duties, during the absence, on deputation, of Mr. W. Leonard.

ROY, Assistant-Surgeon Tara Prosunno, Rai Bahadur, is appointed to be in charge, in addition to his own duties, of the duties of Surgeon-Major C. J. H. Warden, Chemical Examiner to Government and Professor of Chemistry, Medical College, Calcutta, during the absence, on leave, of that officer.

LEAHY, Surgeon A. W. D., is appointed to act as Civil Surgeon of the 24-Pergunnahs, during the absence, on deputation, of Surgeon-Major J. F. P. McConnell.

BELL, Surgeon G. J. H., is appointed to be Resident Surgeon of the Medical College Hospital, *vice* Surgeon J. R. Adie.

ADIE, Surgeon J. R., Resident Surgeon, Medical College Hospital, Calcutta, is appointed to officiate as Civil Surgeon of Tipperah, during the absence, on deputation, of Surgeon G. Jameson.

DRURY, Surgeon F. J., Officiating Civil Surgeon of Balasore, is appointed to be Resident Surgeon, Eden Hospital, *vice* Surgeon G. J. H. Bell.

PRICE, Surgeon-Major G., Civil Surgeon of Burdwan, is appointed to act as Civil Surgeon of Dacca, during the absence, on leave, of Surgeon-Major F. C. Nicholson.

WHITWELL, Surgeon R. R. H., Officiating Civil Surgeon of Tipperah, is appointed to act as Civil Surgeon of Burdwan, during the absence, on deputation, of Surgeon-Major G. Price.

PISANI, Surgeon L. J., Bengal Establishment, is appointed Medical Officer of the Chaman Extension, North-Western Railway, *vice* Surgeon D. M. Davidson, whose services have been replaced at the disposal of the Home Department.

CALTHROP, Surgeon-Major C. W., M.D., Indian Medical Service, Bengal Establishment, to officiate as Medical Storekeeper at the Presidency, *vice* Surgeon-Major J. Reid, on leave.

His Excellency the Governor of Bombay is pleased to make the following appointments in the Grant Medical College during absence of Brigade-Surgeon W. Gray:—Brigade-Surgeon G. A. Maconochie, M.D., C.M., to be Principal; Surgeon-Major W. K. Hatch, M.B., C.M., F.R.C.S., to be Professor of Surgery, Clinical and Operative Surgery, *vice* Brigade-Surgeon Gray; Surgeon W. H. Quicke, to be Professor of Anatomy and Curator of Museum, *vice* Surgeon-Major Hatch.

HENDERSON, Surgeon S. H., M.B., in medical charge of the temporary jails on the North Lushai frontier, is posted on special duty to the Cachar district, for employment under the Deputy-Commissioner of that district.

ROY, Assistant-Surgeon A. C., is appointed to take over medical charge of the prisoners returning from the North Lushai Hills, and on their arrival at Sylhet, is placed in temporary civil medical charge of the Sylhet district until the return of Surgeon S. H. Henderson from special duty in the Cachar district.

BASU, Second-grade Assistant-Surgeon N. C., in temporary civil medical charge of the Sylhet district, is, on relief, re-transferred to Silchar, and appointed to the medical charge of the dispensary and coolie depot there.

ALI, First grade Hospital Assistant Karim, not being at present required on the Chief Commissioner's staff, and his services being urgently required at Silchar, is attached temporarily to the civil establishment at that station.