the red paint from canisters in which old ammunition had been returned from abroad.

It might be interesting and useful to know the experience of officers of our Corps in this matter.

Victoria Barracks, Belfast,
April 23rd, 1908.

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SYPHILIS IN THE ARMY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS."

Sir,—I would feel obliged by your kindly inserting my reply to a letter, on p. 568 of the last number of the Corps Journal, from Colonel F. J. Lambkin, R.A.M.C.

I am at a loss to understand Colonel Lambkin's letter. In the Second Report of the Advisory Board on the "Treatment of Venereal Diseases in the Army," p. 56, a definite question was asked by that Board, namely, Question VIII.: "What advantages may be expected from treatment by other methods than by the use of mercury and the iodides?" Colonel Lambkin, on p. 56, last two lines of the above Report, gave the following answer: "No advantages may be expected from other modes of treatment without mercury." He did not qualify his answer in the least.

On p. 52, lines 3 and 4, of my book "Syphilis in the Army" (John Bale, Sons and Danielsson, 1907), I wrote: "I do not concur in the opinion expressed by Colonel Lambkin that no advantage may be expected from other modes of treatment without mercury." The statement in my book, therefore, is absolutely correct, and I did not attribute to Colonel Lambkin, as stated in his letter, "an opinion which he never held."

Woolwich,
May 14th, 1908.

H. C. French,
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