

**LIEUTENANT-COLONEL P. DWYER,  
M.C., M.Sc., M.B., D.P.H.**

COLONEL DWYER died suddenly at his home in Dublin on 28th February, 1955, at the age of 73. As his qualifications show, he had a distinguished career as a student in the Royal University, Dublin, and joined the R.A.M.C. in 1907 or 1908. During the retreat from Mons he was captured at Landrecies, but escaped within a fortnight and returned to France a few days later. He was then employed at G.H.Q. until 1916. During this period he was closely associated with the development of schemes for the evacuation of sick and wounded and with the organization and equipment of Motor Ambulance Convoys and Ambulance Barges. In association with Lyle Cummins he devised the first gas-mask used by our troops and for some months prior to the formation of the Gas Corps he acted under the immediate direction of Sir Neville Macready for gas defence. He succeeded Lyle Cummins as D.A.D.M.S., H.Q., B.E.F.

In June, 1916, he accompanied Major-General T. J. O'Donnell on his appointment as D.M.S. India, and spent some time *en route* on inspection duty in Mesopotamia. He was appointed A.D.M.S. Peshawar, and among other activities was responsible for the great extension of hospital accommodation required for the casualties from Mesopotamia. He was also responsible for the medical arrangements for the Frontier expedition based on Quetta in 1917. For his services during the war he was awarded the M.C. and bar. On his arrival home in 1919 he was attached to the 5th Division at the Curragh and later became A.D.M.S. Dublin during the evacuation of Ireland. He subsequently became A.D.H. at Headquarters, Southern Command, where he took a great interest in the early development of mechanical warfare. He retired from the service in 1931.

On the outbreak of the Second German War he immediately offered his services and was posted as O.C. Military Hospital, York. He was not only a most successful administrator, but this post gave him an opportunity to resuscitate his dormant clinical talents, and many a distinguished consultant *en route* to other theatres of war learnt much from his clinical acumen. He took the keenest interest in his staff and patients and organized regular clinical meetings which were a great stimulus to all who served in York. He was loved by all who knew him closely and, when ill-health compelled his retirement in 1943, the officers under his command presented him with a Georgian loving cup as a symbol of their esteem and affection. Even after his retirement, many of them on leave enjoyed the hospitality of his beautiful home at Stillorgan near Dublin.

He had always been a keen and successful gardener, regularly exhibiting and winning many prizes at the R.H.S. After a period of ill-health he made a good recovery, and with characteristic energy developed one of the most beautiful gardens in Dublin. It was full of treasures which he gladly shared with his

friends. He showed only once in London after the war, winning several second prizes. In Dublin his entries always figured in the premier award lists. He had long been on the Council of the R.H.S., Dublin, and in 1953 became the Honorary Secretary. A short time before his death he prepared a new constitution for it.

His passing will be mourned by all who served with him and by many gardeners throughout Great Britain and Ireland.

PETER KERLEY.

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### Correspondence

*From Sir Jameson Adams, K.C.V.O., Hon. Appeals Secretary,  
King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers.*

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DEAR SIR,

Will you once again allow me, through your JOURNAL, to call attention to King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers (Sister Agnes'), Beaumont House, Beaumont Street, W.1.

The extension, which we opened last January, has indeed proved its worth, as 538 Army officers were received as patients during 1954, of whom sixty-three were Serving Officers who, as you know, are entitled to free nursing and maintenance in the shared rooms.

The Samaritan Fund, which we started in 1952, has again proved its usefulness and was encroached upon to the extent of nearly £2,000 during last year. I think it is generally agreed that our work is meeting a vital need.

As is known, this Hospital has been disclaimed by the Minister of Health and is therefore entirely dependent on voluntary support. Subscribers, who are entitled to special rates, are asked to pay £1 yearly by bankers' order, which can be obtained from the Honorary Appeal Secretary, 15 Ormond Yard, Duke of York Street, S.W.1, who will also be pleased to receive very much needed donations.

All officers, serving and retired, permanent and temporary, are eligible for admission.

Yours very truly,

J. B. ADAMS.