Correspondence

I think that it is as well that our young officers should know that they may prescribe mercurial pills, powders, and medicines to out-patients, and by a little arrangement can make sure that they will be taken, and that they are not confined to a method of giving mercury which, though praised almost to the extent of fanaticism by its advocates, does not seem to have commended itself to our civilian brethren as judged by the evidence in the Advisory Board Reports on Venereal Disease in the Army. The treatment of syphilis by intra-muscular injections should be considered on its own merits.

I am, &c.,

Woolwich,
August 22nd, 1908.

J. Ritchie,
Major, R.A.M.C.

GUIDE TO THE OPERATIONS OF THE MEDICAL SERVICE IN THE FIELD.

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

Sir,—With reference to Major Porter's suggestion that some notes or books should be published as a guide to the operations of the Medical Service in the field, it may be of interest to the officers of the Corps to know that a pamphlet is about to be distributed on the subject containing a lecture by Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. Macpherson delivered at the Staff College in December last.

Lieutenant-Colonel Macpherson is also engaged in translating one of the many works that have been prepared by staff officers of Continental armies on medical tactics.

War Office, Whitehall,
London, S.W.,
September 11th, 1908.

I am, &c.,

J. M. Irwin,
Lieutenant-Colonel, A.D.G., A.M.S.

EMPLOYMENT OF RESERVE AND DISCHARGED SOLDIERS OF THE CORPS.

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

Sir,—Lieutenant-Colonel Bedford's appeal in last month's Journal on behalf of the Army and Navy Male Nurses' Co-operation, and the interesting account of the first annual meeting of this excellent Society, induces me to hope that some small space may be found in which to draw attention to some regulations of our own which appear to be imperfectly complied with.

The American school-boy when asked at an examination to describe the constitution of the United States replied that it was "that bit at the back of the book which nobody reads"; and I think the last four paragraphs in our Standing Orders relating to the keeping of a Corps Register