an impression which is confirmed by the succeeding pages of the section.

This handbook has passed through two editions and one reprint within the past five years, a sufficient evidence that it fulfils the requirements of those students of medicine who prefer to have their one halfpennyworth of bread unencumbered by any intolerable deal of sack. W. P. M.

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**CORRESPONDENCE SCHEME FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF R.A.M.C. OFFICERS.**

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

DEAR SIR,—I am in entire sympathy with the correspondence scheme outlined by Major M. B. H. Ritchie, D.S.O., in the Corps Journal.

Recent examination experience has proved to me the marked inequality of knowledge of Royal Army Medical Corps duties in the field which exists amongst officers of the Corps. Although the General Medical History of the War gives much valuable information, the increasing mechanicalization of modern armies is producing problems which affect the Corps quite as much as the fighting services. A private correspondence scheme among majors and captains avoids the restraint often felt during lectures, staff exercises, etc., in the presence of senior administrative officers, and should stimulate study.

Much knowledge might be gained by the Corps if officers could overcome their shyness, and the fear that the story of individual experiences is "advertising."

Few of us know much about work with cavalry and tanks, and yet experience in cavalry work exists.

The scope of such a correspondence scheme is great, and the originator will deserve well of his brother officers if he can surmount the difficulties and keep enthusiasm going.

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*September 29, 1924.*

I am, etc., R. S. Hannay, Colonel.