who gives the lecture: if he is personally prejudiced against inoculation there are no volunteers, and if he is half-hearted about it, there are very few indeed, which is what one would expect. On the other hand, under favourable circumstances, as many as 50 per cent. or more of the men have volunteered. So far we have sent no vaccine to India, except that supplied to Lieutenant Smallman and Lieutenant Luxmoore, and some which was put on board transports for use during the voyage.

We have already prepared a fair quantity of vaccine for India and will be able to supply an instalment, at any rate, of that required at once.

DOSAGE OF METALLIC MERCURY IN INTRAMUSCULAR TREATMENT OF SYPHILIS.

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In the "Final Report of the Advisory Board for Army Medical Services in the Treatment of Venereal Disease in the Army," reference is made to the standardised mercurial cream as suggested by me for use in intramuscular treatment of syphilis. In this Report the dose of the cream is laid down as \( \frac{1}{10} \text{x} \) (gr. 1½ of mercury) per week.

With regard to the composition of this cream, I may say that I arrived at it as the result of experiments with various other preparations made by myself and the chemical examiner, Bombay, in 1903, and as to its dose, twenty years' experience of treating syphilis by intramuscular injections of mercury (metallic), taught me that for a long time I had been giving quite unconsciously large doses of the metal out of all proportion of what was actually required, and that with very much reduced doses I obtained as good, if not better, results, and, of course, with far less risk to the patient of salivation, &c. Hence, during later years, I have been gradually reducing the dose until I arrived at what I consider to be the maximum which is required, under most circumstances, to bring about the necessary reaction, viz., \( \frac{1}{10} \text{x} \) of the cream (gr. 1 of mercury) per week. I consider that this dose should seldom, or never, be exceeded, and I may add that, if anything, my tendency is to reduce this even lower. As it is outside patients, who are attending hospital for continuous treatment, receive only \( \frac{1}{10} \text{x} \) (gr. ½) per week.