

thin film preparations. The technique of preparation, staining and examination of thick films occupies considerable space and is especially valuable. British readers will miss any reference to the staining methods of the Field type; the Giemsa or Giemsa-Wright methods are those recommended. The author gives sound advice regarding the recognition of the parasites in thick films and includes helpful tips in avoiding pitfalls.

The specimens for illustrations have been well chosen but their reproduction is not above the average. The publication will serve a useful purpose and will be welcomed by students but, good though this book may be, training in the recognition of malarial parasites can only be acquired in the laboratory under the guidance of an experienced teacher and by conscientious and long practice. These are acknowledged facts and are reiterated by the author. There is a golden rule which can be observed profitably by all those engaged in the identification of malarial parasites—"If in doubt you may be sure you are wrong."

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### Correspondence.

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#### A SIMPLE METHOD OF PREPARING AN EFFICIENT GENERAL ANTISEPTIC.

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

SIR,—With reference to Captain E. S. Anderson's article on the preparation of Sodium Hypochlorite by Electrolysis of sodium chloride, the same thing in a slightly different guise appeared in your pages in 1916; this was an article by Dakin and Carlisle, on the manufacture of sodium hypochlorite from sea-water. This was carried out on the "Aquitania," then in use as a Hospital Ship, under Lieutenant-Colonel Fuhr, R.A.M.C., who furnished remarks on the process. I believe this is still carried out on some of the Cunard White Star ships, the solution being used as a universal disinfectant.

I met Commander Bunyan some time ago and asked him if the solution would be suitable for the Bunyan bag treatment of burns but he had not heard of it. I should think it would be the very thing for this purpose, for burns occurring at sea, and also for measures against mustard gas.

Yours faithfully,

G. B. F. CHURCHILL.  
Major, R.A.M.C.

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#### EMPLOYMENT FOR EX-OFFICERS.

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

DEAR COLONEL CUMMINS,—Major-General J. W. West, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., Colonel-Commandant, Royal Army Medical Corps, has received the following letter from Field Marshal Sir Philip W. Chetwode, Bt., G.C.B., O.M., G.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., President, the Officers' Association:—

The Officers' Association are anxious to bring the following to your notice in view of the fact that a certain number of officers are now leaving the Service on account of ill-health, wounds, etc., and more may be expected to leave in the near future and return to civil life.

(2) It was recently decided by the Army Council that the Employment Bureau for Retired Officers should be merged for the time being with the Appointments Branch of the Ministry of Labour and National Service, and in consequence of this the Officers' Association Employment Bureau has now been expanded with a view to helping all types of ex-Officer to find employment wherever they may be domiciled. This expansion of the Officers' Association

Employment Bureau has been welcomed by the Adjutant-General, who has thanked the Association for an action which he considers will contribute a very valuable supplement to the functions of the new section in the Ministry of Labour and will ensure that existing contacts will be maintained. The Secretary of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce has already notified the Officers' Association that the Chambers of Commerce Liaison Officers in many of the large provincial towns who had previously assisted the Employment Bureau for Retired Officers are willing to continue their assistance to the Officers' Association. This is most satisfactory and direct personal contact will be made by a representative of the Bureau with these Liaison Officers.

(3) The new title and the new address of the Bureau is as follows :—

The Officers' Association (British Legion) Employment Bureau, 66, Denison House, 296, Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, S.W.1. Telephone number—Victoria 0758, and all communications should be addressed to the Secretary at Denison House.

(4) The object of this letter is to supplement the communication which you have already received from Major-General Commings dated January 21, 1944, and to ask your help in making a success of the Bureau. It is hoped that Corps and Regiments will make known through Regimental Journals and otherwise to both Serving and Retired Officers that an organization still exists to which they can come and talk over matters, get sympathetic advice and be helped in every way to find congenial employment on leaving the Service.

(Signed) PHILIP CHETWODE, F.M.

107, *Rodney House,*  
*Dolphin Square,*  
*London, S.W.1.*

Yours, etc.,

J. G. FOSTER.  
*Lieutenant-Colonel.*

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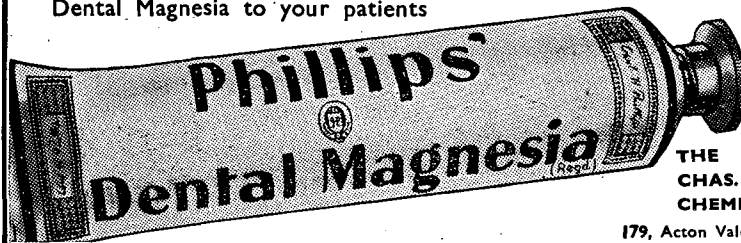
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