SURGEON GENERAL JAMES JAMESON, C.B.

The First Director-General of the Royal Army Medical Corps.

JAMES JAMESON was born at Kilbirnie, Ayrshire, on August 15, 1837. He took his M.D.Glasgow in 1865.

He was appointed an Assistant Surgeon on November 9, 1857, and was posted to the 47th Foot on April 17, 1862. He was promoted to Staff Surgeon on May 18, 1870, as a recognition of his highly meritorious service during the epidemic of yellow fever at Trinidad.

He became Surgeon Major A.M.D., May 18, 1870; Brigade Surgeon May 2, 1883; then Surgeon Major-General; afterwards Surgeon General on July 6, 1893, and Director-General 1896.

He was a Knight of Grace, Order of St. John (1896), C.B. (Civil) 1897, and Q.H.S. October 1897.

His tour of office as Director-General was associated with the early part of the South African War (1899–1901) and with the foundation of the Royal Army Medical Corps. He retired on June 1, 1901, and died, at Eltham, on September 13, 1904.

His services were recognized by the following Honorary Degrees: LL.D.Glasgow; M.D.Dublin; F.R.C.S.Eng.; and F.R.P.S.

He saw service with the operations in connexion with the Fenian Raid in Canada in 1866, being awarded the Medal with Clasp. In the Franco-German war he served with the British Ambulance
at the Siege of Paris and during the campaign on the Loire. He was awarded the Memorial Medal of William I.

On his retirement he was given a Complimentary Dinner by the Medical Profession in London as a token of the high esteem in which he was held by the Profession as a whole.