

It is felt that this visit, entailing such sustained energy by the Director-General, has done an immense amount of good to the Medical Services of the Command.

In one respect he was lucky—the climatic conditions during his visit were particularly good and, in fact, far better than those we are generally subjected to in January and February.

On reading the account of his tour in East Africa by Brigadier MacNamara in the October 1950 issue of the Journal one feels rather sad that we had nothing like that—wonderful scenery, with Mount Kenya and Kilimanjaro and plenty of big game—to show him, but one hopes that he will remember with pleasure the splendid view from the wards of the Military Hospital, Freetown, the big ships which slipped by so close to Flagstaff House in Lagos and how pleasant it was to listen to the gentle lapping of the waves when sitting out there after dinner, and perhaps lastly those successful runs which he achieved on a board when having his first surf bathe on the beach at Accra.

I desire to acknowledge gratefully the services of Sjt. Hall, R.A.O.C., the Command Photographer, who took many photographs in Accra and Lagos.

Review

A SURGEON'S FIGHT TO REBUILD MAN. By Dr. Fred R. Albee, M.D., F.A.C.S., F.I.C.S. Published by Robert Hale. Price 15s.

A "Surgeon's Fight to Rebuild Man" is more than an autobiography, it is the "Albee Saga." The author has not attempted a detailed diary of his life and work but rather has gathered together in chronological order impressions and incidents out of a very intensive life and woven them together with an easy, humble and well-balanced style into a book that makes pleasant and worth-while reading.

It is fascinating to see how little incidents of his early life bear fruits in later years and influence many aspects of his professional career.

A widely travelled man, the author proves to be a very artistic observer. Some of the lessons he learnt in pre-1914 Europe may well be applied with advantage today. The globe trotter will appreciate the recount of experiences in many varied states and continents.

In the field of Orthopædic Surgery, Dr. Fred H. Albee ranks with the highest of both hemispheres, through his tireless energy and initiative this man, a remarkable combination of artist and artisan, left far more to his colleagues than a mechanical saw and numerous bone-grafting operations for which he is renowned in the Surgical world; but more important than those were his ideas for future research into unexplored fields.

Another aspect of the author's life is that of the Medical Diplomat. In this field he spared no effort to bring the surgery of many peoples and tongues together and so benefit an even larger number of men.

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