

SURGEON GENERAL'S OFFICE,

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In the monthly Reports of Sick and Wounded, the following details will be briefly mentioned in accompanying remarks :

SURGERY.

Fractures.—The date of reception, the situation, character, direction, treatment and result in all cases.

Gunshot wounds.—The date of reception, the situation, direction, and character; the foreign matters extracted (if any); and the result in all cases.

Amputations—The period and nature of the injury; the character of the operation; the time, place, and result.

Exsections.—All operations for, with a statement of the injury demanding them; the date of injury, the date of operation; the joint or bone operated upon, and the result.

MEDICINE.

Fevers.—Their character and symptoms; an outline of the plans of treatment found most efficient, with remarks on the location and sanitary condition of camps, or quarters, during the prevalence of these disorders.

Diarrhœa and Dysentery.—Grade, and treatment, with remarks on the character of the ration, and the modes of cooking.

Scorbutic Diseases.—Character and symptoms, with observations on causation, and a statement of the means employed to procure exemption.

Respiratory Diseases.—Symptoms, severity, and treatment, with remarks on the sheltering of the troops, and the atmospheric conditions.

Similar remarks on other preventible diseases.

Important cases of every kind should be reported in full. Where post-mortem examinations have been made, accounts of the pathological results should be carefully prepared.

As it is proposed to establish in Washington, an *Army Medical Museum*, Medical officers are directed diligently to collect, and to forward to the office of the Surgeon General, all specimens of morbid anatomy, surgical or medical, which may be regarded as valuable; together with projectiles and foreign bodies removed, and such other matters as may prove of interest in the study of military medicine or surgery.

These objects should be accompanied by short explanatory notes.

Each specimen in the collection will have appended the name of the medical officer by whom it was prepared.

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NOTE.—Medical Directors will furnish one copy of this circular to every medical officer in the department in which they are serving; and they will hereafter forward to this office with their consolidated monthly reports, all the monthly reports of the medical officers under their supervision. They will also immediately transmit, all back monthly reports, and papers of every kind relating to the above subjects of medicine and surgery, which may have accumulated in their respective offices since the commencement of the rebellion.

