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LORD PANMURE has received a Despatch and its Enclosure, of which the following are copies, addressed to his Lordship by General Sir William Codrington, K.C.B.

Sevastopol, December 15, 1855.

MY LORD,

IN forwarding to your Lordship the weekly report from Dr. Hall, the Principal Medical Officer, to the 10th instant, it is gratifying to me to be able to remark that the general state of health of this Army continues good.

I have, &c.,

W. J. CODRINGTON,
General Commanding.

The Lord Panmure, &c. &c. &c.

Enclosure.

*Head Quarters, Camp, Crimea,
December 10, 1855.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to report the weekly state of sick to the 8th inst.

The Army continues healthy, and there is little variation in the number of admissions, and only one in the number of deaths this week, as compared with that of the preceding one.

The weather has been wet and stormy; which has occasioned some little variation in the admissions under the different heads of disease. Dysentery and rheumatism, for instance, have increased; but the following abstract will show how nearly the other classes of disease assimilate to those of the previous week :

	This week.		Last week.	
	Admitted.	Died.	Admitted.	Died.
Fevers	194	9	196	19
Pulmonic	177	4	172	2
Diarrhoea	167	6	173	4
Cholera	7	6	9	4
Dysentery	48	2	29	1
Rheumatism	65	0	56	0
Wounds and Injuries	45	7	43	4
Ophthalmia*	41	0	31	0
Other diseases	349	4	350	3
Total	1,093	38	1,059	37

* 20 were transfers from regimental to general hospitals.

The total number of deaths, though only one more than last week, shows some variety in its distribution, *e.g.*, the mortality under the head of fever has decreased one-half, whilst that of pulmonary complaints and dysentery has been doubled, and that of diarrhoea and cholera increased one-third.

Some accidents in the Dockyard have occasioned an increase under the head of wounds and injuries; and amongst the deaths is a curious case in a man of the Artillery, who received an accidental pistol-shot over the left eye, on the 2nd of November. The wound healed kindly, and he had not a single untoward symptom until the 30th, when coma came on, which increased until the 2nd of December, when he died, and, on examining his body after death, the ball was found lodged at the base of the brain, where it had produced an abscess, which proved fatal. This is the only casualty which occurred in the Royal Artillery during the week.

No casualty occurred in the cavalry.

Five took place in the 1st Division; one from consumption, one from fever, one from cholera, on the twelfth day of the disease, one from water on the chest, and one from inflammation of the lungs.

In the Highland Division six casualties have occurred this week, which is a considerable increase on the mortality of the Division, which has been remarkably small for the last three months.

One man died of common continued fever, one of delirium tremens complicated with inflammation of the lungs, one of consumption, one of dysentery, two of cholera in the 92nd. No other cases of cholera had occurred in the regiment for three days prior to the closing of the weekly state; it is therefore to be hoped the disease will not extend.

In the 2nd Division, a case of diarrhoea in a scrofulous boy, proved fatal, and in the 82nd Regiment at Balaklava, which is attached to this division, a case of cholera, and one of fever, died.

The 82nd continues to have a heavy sick list, but the number of casualties has not been very great.

In the 3rd Division only two casualties occurred; one from epileptic fits, and the other the result of recent severe gunshot wound of the thigh: diseases of the eye have decreased from 26 to 16 in this division. In the 4th Division two casualties occurred; one from fever, and the other from cholera.

In the Light Division three deaths occurred;