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DEMANDS OF THE SERVICES

To the Editors of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF OPHTHALMOLOGY.

DEAR SIRs,—The letter which appears over the signatures of Mr. Bishop Harman and Dr. Alfred Cox, in the current issue, seems to have so little relevance to anything that I have written either now or in the past, and to impute to me a purpose and motives which I decline to accept as valid, that I pass it over without further comment.

To Sir Stewart Duke-Elder I would say that his letter is reassuring and, if matters are so, then I am content. The source of my assumption that there is an acute demand for more ophthalmologists in the Services, particularly the Army, derives from officials of the Central Medical War Committee.

Yours faithfully,

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THE EDUCATION OF AN OPHTHALMIC SURGEON

To the Editors of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF OPHTHALMOLOGY.

DEAR SIRs,—The extremely interesting lecture by Professor Loewenstein on the Education of an Ophthalmic Surgeon published in this Journal in February raises many questions which have been in people's minds for some time past. He rightly emphasises the many advantages which the great continental clinics and schools have over our own. Those of us who have had the good fortune to join the North of England Ophthalmological Tours under the delightful leadership of Mr. Percival Hay and so of visiting the Continent, the Scandanavian Countries and the United States, have frequently been filled with envy by the spacious airiness of the beautiful hospitals, the apparently unlimited number of trained and eager assistants, the almost complete pre-occupation of the chief and the senior assistants with their hospital life and work, the splendid organisation for undergraduate and even more for post-graduate study and the tremendous research activity upon which the