

105. *Falmouth*.—It was suggested to us that a suitable site for a shore establishment might be found at Falmouth. H.M.S. "Ganges," Training Ship for Boys, was stationed at Mylor, Falmouth, up to 1899, when it was decided to remove her to Harwich. The chief reasons for the transfer were that "Ganges" was then moored in open water and in bad weather it was found impracticable to land the Boys for

recreation on shore, with resultant evil effects on their health. The Sick Quarters on shore were also inadequate. A proposal to move the ship to more sheltered water in Mylor Pool was negatived, and it was reported at the time "that the playing fields " are so hilly as to be useless for either cricket or football, and cannot be made " serviceable by any expenditure of money. No really good field is to be found " in the neighbourhood." There was a general concurrence of opinion as to Falmouth being ~~a~~ very unsuitable place for a Training Ship, reports indicating that besides the disabilities pointed out above the climate was wet and relaxing. Moreover, from a recruiting point of view, it would be inexpedient to place an Establishment for Boys at Falmouth so long as one is maintained at Plymouth, which, from every point of view, is a more desirable centre.

We are of opinion that Falmouth is not a suitable locality for the purpose in view.