

MILITARY AND NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICES.

DEPUTY SURGEON-GENERAL J. L. HOLLOWAY, C.B., has been granted six months' leave of absence from South Africa, for the recovery of his health; and sails for England in the *Anglian* on August 16th. Deputy Surgeon-General James Sinclair, M.D., has in consequence taken over the duties of Principal Medical Officer. The advanced base-hospital at Newcastle, in charge of Brigade-Surgeon Watts, contains now only sixty patients, but is equipped for two hundred. The divisional field-hospital at Bennett's Drift, with the troops in charge of Surgeon-Major Stafford, consists of three hundred beds, and is very efficient. One hundred and fifty invalids will leave Durban for England in about fourteen days. On account of the scarcity of grass for the cattle on the road, no more convoys of sick can be sent down to Maritzburg from Newcastle for another month. A force of 5,000 men will probably remain at Newcastle during the winter; and a new hospital is being built there, under the superintendence of Brigade-Surgeon Sinclair, to receive the sick of the force. Sir E. Wood leaves Natal for Zululand on August 22nd, with a large cavalry escort. Two medical officers and a small field-hospital will accompany them. Sir Hercules Robinson leaves Maritzburg to-morrow (August 16th), to return to Cape Town. The health of the troops in South Africa is good; strength 12,482, out of which there are 4 officers and 572 men sick, and 31 men with wounds. This is equal to 4.86 per cent. The troops which arrived from India expect to leave in October.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.—The following is the list of candidates who were successful for appointments as Surgeons in Her Majesty's British Medical Service at the competitive examination in London on August 15th, 1881.

	Marks.		Marks.
1. N. M. Reid	2390	14. J. W. Jerome	1920
2. W. H. P. Lewis	2325	15. W. W. Pike	1875
3. W. Dick	2298	16. M. E. Fitzgerald	1870
4. F. J. Jencken	2141	17. L. H. Truefitt	1870
5. H. O. Stuart	2125	18. J. M. Irwin	1855
6. F. H. Treherne	2105	19. P. J. Nealon	1850
7. S. F. Loughheed	2100	20. E. O. Wight	1840
8. J. C. Haslett	2075	21. W. O. Morris	1825
9. H. J. Barratt	2065	22. F. H. M. Burton	1810
10. H. E. R. James	2025	23. J. Heath	1805
11. H. O. Trevor	1990	24. C. E. Nichol	1805
12. A. F. Russell	1985	25. J. D. T. Reckitt	1805
13. R. J. Fayle	1971		

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.—The following is a list of the candidates for Her Majesty's Indian Medical Service who were successful at the competitive examination held at Burlington House on August 15th, 1881, and following days. Twenty-nine candidates competed for ten appointments; twenty-seven were reported qualified.

	Marks.		Marks.
1. L. T. Young	2702	6. John Smyth	2175
2. J. B. Gibbons	2610	7. R. B. Roe	2125
3. D. St. J. Grant	2410	8. H. Greaney	2015
4. G. J. Shand	2360	9. J. Kernan	1965
5. D. J. Crawford	2235	10. E. P. Youngerman	1795

PUBLIC HEALTH AND POOR-LAW MEDICAL SERVICES.

LUNACY CERTIFICATES.

SIR,—I am sent for to examine a prisoner at the police-station as to the state of his mind. From my examination, I come to the conclusion that the man is insane, and tell the superintendent that I am ready to sign the necessary certificate. I hear nothing more of the case; and next morning, on inquiry, I find that the relieving officer has been called in to remove the man to an asylum, and that he, knowing I had already seen the case, sends to the parish surgeon, who signs the certificate. Is this the right course for the relieving officer to take? and to what fee am I entitled from the police; that for an ordinary visit to the station, viz., 3s. 6d., or that for certifying as to the state of the prisoner's mind, viz., one guinea?

I should also be glad to know the rights of the following case. I am attending the wife of a labouring man. I consider her to be insane, and advise her removal to an asylum. Her husband cannot afford to pay for her maintenance there, and applies to the relieving officer, telling him that I have been attending the case, and am ready to sign the certificate. When the case is brought before the magistrate, should the relieving officer send for me or for the parish surgeon?—I am, yours truly,

A MEMBER.

. We have, on several occasions, pointed out that the selection of the medical gentleman called to the assistance of a magistrate or the justices rests with these officials. As, however, the fee paid on these occasions is a charge on the rates, the

justices or the magistrate ordinarily leave with the board of guardians of the union in which the lunatic is the power of appointing the medical gentleman who is called on to certify. Although our correspondent may feel aggrieved by our reply, he should bear in mind that the salary of a district or workhouse medical officer is ordinarily fixed on the assumption that it will be supplemented by what are called extra fees, to which lunacy lends an important aid. Without such occasional additions, the condition of most Poor-law medical officers would be sad indeed. The same answer covers the second query. As regards the fee to which our correspondent is entitled for his attendance at the police-station, that will be governed by the hour at which he was called, 3s. 6d. by day, 7s. by night.

ATTENDANCE ON FAMILIES OF PAUPERS AND ON CASES OF LABOUR.

SIR,—I believe you will be doing a service to district medical officers in general, and those who have recently become so in particular, by inserting in your valuable JOURNAL the following extract from a letter from the Local Government Board to the guardians of the Bosmere and Claydon union. "In reply, I am directed to state that the Board consider that, when a medical officer is attending the family of a pauper in compliance with the order of a relieving officer, no special or further order is requisite for his attendance at the confinement of a female member of the family."—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

EUSTACE FIRTH.

Debenham, Suffolk, September 7th, 1881.

MEDICAL NEWS.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their Examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, September 8th, 1881.

Farker, John Joseph, Cheshunt, N.
Johnson, Samuel Ebenezer, Birmingham.
McCutcheon, James, Bradford.
Thomson, St. Clair, King's College Hospital.
Williams, Walter Treliving, Walthamstow.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced:—

BATH GENERAL HOSPITAL—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications to the Registrar by September 22nd.

BETHLEM HOSPITAL—Two Resident Medical Students. Applications to A. M. Jeafrison, Esq., Bridewell Hospital, Blackfriars, E.C., by October 1st.

BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL—Assistant Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £40 per annum. Applications by September 20th.

CHELTEMHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY—Dispenser. Salary, £80, with board and lodging. Testimonials, on or before 24th instant, to the Honorary Secretary.

ESSEX AND COLCHESTER HOSPITAL—Physician. Applications by October 5th.

GENERAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Pendlebury, Manchester—Senior Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100, with board and lodging. Applications to Chairman Medical Staff, on or before September 22nd.

GLASGOW ROYAL INFIRMARY—Lady Superintendent. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications to Superintendent by September 21st.

LISBURN UNION—Medical Officer for Knocknadona Dispensary District. Salary, £100 per annum, with £15 yearly as Medical Officer of Health, registration, and vaccination fees. Election on the 21st instant.

NORTH-EASTERN HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Hackney Road, E.—Surgeon. Applications to the Secretary by 26th September.

OUGHTERARD UNION—Medical Officer for Lettermore Dispensary District. Salary, £100 per annum, £10 for boat-hire, with £12 yearly as Medical Officer of Health, registration and vaccination fees. Election on the 27th instant.

OWENS COLLEGE, Manchester.—Demonstrator of Anatomy. Salary, £125 per annum. Applications, addressed to the Senate, by the 23rd September.

QUEEN'S HOSPITAL, Birmingham—Second Casualty Surgeon. Applications by October 5th.

WEST BROMWICH HOSPITAL—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum. Applications to W. Bache, Esq., by September 26th.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith—Assistant Dispenser. Salary, £70 per annum. Applications by September 19th.

WHITECHAPEL UNION—Assistant Medical Dispenser. Salary, £60 per annum. Candidates must be L.A.C. Applications by September 24th.

WOLVERHAMPTON AND STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL—Matron and Superintendent of Nurses. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications to the Chairman of the Weekly Board by September 19th.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

BENDALL, Howard, M.B., appointed House-Surgeon to the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham.

DOYLE, Anthony, L.R.C.S., appointed Resident Surgeon to the Memorial Hospital, Jarrow-on-Tyne, *vice* H. W. Davies, M.R.C.S., resigned.

DUTTON, Thomas, M.B., L.R.C.P., appointed Admiralty Surgeon and Agent to the Chichester Harbour Division of H.M. Coastguard and Wounded Seamen, *vice* N. E. Cresswell, M.D., M.R.C.S., resigned.

POWELL, G. B., L.R.C.P., appointed Medical Officer to the Nottingham Union.

PRYNN, W. W., M.R.C.S., appointed House-Surgeon to Guy's Hospital.

RIDGE, J. James, M.D., appointed Medical Officer of Health to the Enfield Local Board.