

Surgeon-Captain F. A. ROGERS, Bengal Establishment, officiating Civil Surgeon of Durbhunga, is appointed to act as Civil Surgeon of Rajshahye during the absence of Surgeon-Major J. French Mullen.

Surgeon-Major E. BOVILL, Bengal Establishment, received charge of Patna Gaol on February 12th.

Surgeon-Captain W. G. PRIMROSE, Madras Establishment, is directed to do duty in the Belgium and Bangalore Districts.

Surgeon-Captain D. H. McD. GRAVES, Madras Establishment, will do duty in the Myingyan and Mandalay Districts.

Surgeon-Captain R. W. S. LYONS, M.D., Bombay Establishment, is appointed to act, in addition to his own duties, as Assistant-Surgeon David Sassoon Hospital, Assistant Civil Surgeon, Poona, and Teacher of Surgery and Midwifery, Poona Medical School, during the absence of Surgeon-Captain W. H. Burke on leave.

Surgeon-Captain A. V. ANDERSON, M.B., Bombay Establishment, is appointed to act as Deputy Sanitary Commissioner Central Registration District during the absence of Surgeon-Major A. W. F. Street.

The services of Surgeon-Major F. F. MACCARTIE, M.B., Bombay Establishment, are placed at the disposal of the Government of India in the Department of Finance and Commerce.

Surgeon-Major O. BAKER, Bengal Establishment, is appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Rangoon Port Defence Volunteers.

Assistant-Surgeon R. BRYSON, whose services have been placed at the disposal of the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces, is appointed to do duty under the orders of the civil surgeon of Nagpore.

Surgeon-Major C. M. THOMPSON, M.B., Madras Establishment, has returned from furlough.

Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel S. B. HUNT, Madras Establishment, is promoted to be Surgeon-Colonel from March 1st. He entered the service as Assistant-Surgeon, March 31st, 1865, and attained the rank of Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel from August 26th, 1886.

Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel T. C. H. SPENCER, Madras Establishment, is appointed to the official medical charge of the 7th Madras Infantry.

Surgeon-Colonel P. S. TURNBULL, Bombay Establishment, having been appointed Surgeon-General with the Government of Bombay, will proceed to Bombay to relieve Surgeon-Major-General J. Pinkerton.

Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel S. O'B. BANKS, Bombay Establishment, is posted to Sind District, pending the appointment of a successor to Surgeon-Colonel P. S. Turnbull.

The undermentioned officers have leave of absence as specified: Surgeon-Captain A. W. D. LEANY, Bengal Establishment, civil surgeon, 24th Pergunnahs, for eight months from March 1st; Surgeon-Major E. S. BRANDER, Bengal Establishment, civil surgeon of Etawah, for eighteen months from March 25th on private affairs; Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel W. PRICE, Madras Establishment, for three months from April 1st on privilege leave; Surgeon-Captain C. ADAMS, Madras Establishment, special leave on urgent private affairs for six months from May 1st; Surgeon-Major R. H. CAMA, medical officer 9th Madras Infantry, to India for six months from February 12th on medical certificate.

THE YEOMANRY AND RIFLE VOLUNTEERS.

THE undermentioned gentlemen have been appointed Surgeon-Lieutenants to the corps specified, all dated March 18th: PERCY BARNARD MACKAY, Yorkshire Dragoons; RICHARD ERNEST EDWARD SOUTH, 2nd Volunteer Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment (late the 2nd Lincoln); JOHN TURVILLE SMITH, 3rd Volunteer Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers (late the 17th Lancashire); WILLIAM JOHN SPROTT, M.D., 1st Nottinghamshire (Robin Hood) Rifles.

Surgeon-Lieutenant A. M. ARCHER, 1st Cheshire and Carnarvonshire Artillery, is promoted to be Surgeon-Captain March 18th.

Surgeon-Captain H. WRIGHT, 1st Volunteer Battalion Lincoln Regiment (late the 1st Lincoln) is promoted to be Surgeon-Major, March 18th.

Surgeon-Lieutenant F. F. JONES, 2nd Volunteer Battalion the Duke of Edinburgh's Wiltshire Regiment (late the 2nd Wiltshire) has resigned his commission, which was dated July 18th, 1891.

THE VOLUNTEER OFFICERS' DECORATION.

THE *London Gazette* of March 17th contains a further list of names of officers upon whom the newly instituted decoration has been conferred, and from it we extract the following: Surgeon and Honorary Surgeon-Major John Webb Watkins, retired, 1st Volunteer Battalion the Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire Regiment); Surgeon-Major (ranking as Lieutenant-Colonel) Rea Corbet, retired, 1st Essex Artillery (Eastern Division Royal Artillery); Surgeon-Major (ranking as Lieutenant-Colonel) Bushell Annington, retired, 4th (Cambridge University) Volunteer Battalion, the Suffolk Regiment; Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Arthur Patten, 2nd Volunteer Battalion, the Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment); Surgeon and Honorary Surgeon-Major Thomas Gray, M.D., retired, 1st Tower Hamlets (The Tower Hamlets Rifle Volunteer Brigade).

A QUESTION OF ORDER.

INQUIRER writes to point out that, in accordance with a decision arrived at some years ago, the army departments are arranged in alphabetical order in the *Army List*. What is the reason, he asks, that a similar order is not adhered to in the Staff Lists of District Command and other establishments in the *Army List* in which the names of medical officers are placed under those of all other departments, except the Veterinary?

WEST LONDON INFANTRY VOLUNTEER BRIGADE: AMBULANCE COMPETITION.

WITH the approval of Colonel H. Trotter, commanding the brigade, an ambulance competition will take place in June. The details of the competition are being arranged by Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Parsons Smith, and will be open to each of the six battalions of the brigade, namely, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Volunteer Battalions of the Royal Fusiliers, 2nd Volunteer Battalion Middlesex Regiment, and the 3rd and 17th Middlesex Rifle Volunteers. A silver challenge cup, together with prizes in

money, will be given, and in order to encourage the battalions to have their proper complement of trained regimental stretcher-bearers the competition will be open to sections of four detachments, each battalion being allowed to enter one section. At the request of the Brigade-Surgeon, Surgeon-Captain H. F. Stokes, Senior Medical Officer, Instructor of the Volunteer Ambulance School of Instruction, has promised that the staff of the school will carry out the judging.

MEDICO-LEGAL AND MEDICO-ETHICAL.

AN ELABORATE LABEL.

M.R.C.S. sends us a bottle label, of which the following is a transcript:

W. J. O'KEEFE, M.D., M.Ch., M.A.O.

(Ex-honourman, 1st Prizeman, and Exhibitioner in Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children, Royal University),

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,

2, DEAN STREET, STALYBRIDGE.

_____ spoonful of the Mixture to be taken every _____ hours.

[]	Morning { 9 to 11 o'clock.
		} 12-30 to 1-30 "
		Evening { 5 to 9 "
		Sundays { 10 to 11 & 7 to 9.

* * * The exceptional character and disregard of professional custom implied by the wording of the above label detached from a patient's bottle entitles it to greater publicity than it has hitherto received; we therefore accord it a place in the columns of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, and trust, moreover, that the Royal University will communicate with the "Ex-honourman" on the subject.

AN "ELECTRIC HEALER."

THE great care which should be exercised by all, and more especially by those of rank and influence, before permitting their names to be used in connection with objects which may prove unworthy, is well illustrated by a case recently occurring in one of our Australian colonies.

We are informed that some three months since an "electric healer" started in a leading town of the colony, and advertised largely in the press, and gave public exhibitions in halls of healing the lame, blind, halt, etc. The entire press "ran" him, and laudatory leaders exhorted the value of electricity. He stated that he passed the current through himself, drew out its deleterious properties, and sent the pure article into the patient, whom he gently "pawed." Of course he had the patient sitting on one of the poles, he stood on the other, and when he touched the patient contact was complete. He made large fees in advance of treatment—over £4,000 in two months. He was then advertised to give a charity entertainment of healing in the town hall under viceregal patronage, backed up by the ministry, M.P.'s, etc. The council of the Branch of the British Medical Association in the colony wrote to the Governor to inquire whether it was true, as intimated by advertisements in the daily papers, that His Excellency had granted his patronage to an exhibition healing upon a public stage by an unregistered and advertising irregular practitioner, and to this letter a reply in the affirmative was given. It now appears that our correspondent has been able to supply the press with information that the "electric healer" was a criminal both there and in America. The latter has suddenly left the town in question, and our correspondent thinks that he may visit our shores or other British ports. If this is the case we hope the public will be on their guard, and not allow themselves to be beguiled by a too facile belief in the efficacy of electricity for the cure of every human ill.

IRREGULAR PRACTICE.

AT the Cardiff Borough Police Court, on March 13th, Charles Graves, of 10, Dumfries Place and Duke Street, Cardiff, was summoned before Dr. Paine and Mr. C. H. Evans, for having unlawfully practised as a doctor of medicine. Dr. Showell Rogers, of the firm of Messrs. Johnson, Barclay, Johnson, and Rogers, solicitors, of Birmingham, appeared for the prosecution on behalf of the Medical Defence Union. Dr. Rogers said that the summonses, of which there were two, charged the defendant with, on January 11th last, at Cardiff, unlawfully, wilfully, and falsely using the name and title of "Dr." Graves, implying that he was registered under the Medical Act and there recognised by law as a practitioner in medicine. The second summons was that he did unlawfully, wilfully, and falsely pretend to be a doctor of medicine contrary to the statute. Witnesses were brought forward to show that they had, by instruction of Messrs. Johnson, Barclay, Johnson, and Rogers, called upon the defendant at his dispensary in Duke Street with assumed complaints and were prescribed for. Dr. Paine said the Bench had given the case the greatest consideration, and had come to the conclusion that the defendant had committed the offence with which he had been charged, and they had decided to inflict a penalty of £10 and costs, or in default one month's hard labour.

BEQUESTS.—The late Mr. Henry Spicer, of Brighton, by his will leaves his residuary estate in trust for distribution in equal shares to the Samaritan Societies of the London Hospital, Guy's Hospital, the Middlesex Hospital, the Royal Free Hospital, St. Thomas's Hospital, and the Metropolitan Hospital for their Samaritan purposes, distinct and apart from the general purposes of the respective hospitals.