

CANDIDATES' MARKS.

SIR.—Although I am not a candidate for either the Indian or the English Medical Services, yet, in justice to the candidates for the latter service at the recent competitive examination, I must ask you to allow me to make two remarks on the letter of "Amicus Curiae", published in your number of the 5th instant.

In quoting the marks of candidates passing out from Netley, he says: "The highest marks for the Indian Service at the last examination were 5,868. The highest given to candidates for the Army Medical Service were 4,841." And, in concluding, he says: "Still worse, at the last examination (August 10th) for the Army Medical Service, the highest mark was only 2,525."

Now, to any one who does not understand the arrangement of the examinations, it would seem that the 2,525 marks are to be compared with the 5,868 or the 4,841 marks; whereas, in point of fact, the 2,525 marks are the result of *one* examination (viz., that for admission to Netley), while the 5,868 and 4,841 marks represent the aggregate gained at two distinct examinations (viz., that for admission to, and that on passing out from, Netley).

In the second place, "Amicus Curiae" quite omits to state that while, at the last examination (August 10th) for the Army Medical Service, the highest mark gained was 2,525 (which, I think, he will find is higher than on some previous occasions), yet, at the same examination by the same papers, the first out of the twenty-eight competitors for the Indian Medical Service failed to gain that amount by nearly two hundred marks. I am, etc., JUSTITIA.

September 1874.

ARMY MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

DAVIDGE, Surgeon G. A., to be Surgeon-Major, vice W. M. Calder, retired on temporary half-pay.
GORDON, Surgeon-General C. A., M.D., C.B., appointed Principal Medical Officer of the Madras Army.

NAVAL MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

BENTHAM, Surgeon Robert, to the *Glasgow*, additional, for disposal.
BRADLEY, Staff-Surgeon James P., second class, to the *Duke of Wellington*, additional, for temporary service in the *Penguin* transport.
COLLET, Surgeon James A., to the *Repulse*.
COLLINS, Surgeon H. B., to the *Audacious*, additional, for disposal.
ENRIGHT, Surgeon John F., M.D., to the *Indus*.
MYER, Surgeon Donald, M.D., from the *Topaze* to the *Caledonia*.
MCLURDY, Staff-Surgeon B. H., second class, to the *Devastation*.
REDFERN, Surgeon T., M.D., from the *Hector* to the *Rocket*, commissioned.
TROWSELL, Surgeon Alexander B., M.D., to the *Orwell*.
TURNER, Surgeon Robert, to the *Topaze*.
WHITLEY, Surgeon A. W., from the *Royal Adelaide* to the *Euphrates*.
WILSON, Surgeon John W., M.D., from the *Sultan* to the *Lapwing*.

OBITUARY.

FRANCIS EDMUND ANSTIE, M.D., F.R.C.P.,
PHYSICIAN TO THE WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL, ETC.

DR. FRANCIS EDMUND ANSTIE was born at Devizes in December 1833. Having been educated at a private school, he was in 1849 articulated as a pupil to his uncle Mr. Thomas Anstie, a surgeon in practice at Devizes. As a boy, he was remarkable for his appreciation of a higher class of literature than usually attracts lads of his age, and for unusual quickness of apprehension.

In 1853, he entered the medical school of King's College, where he was noted as a hard-working student, but was not then remarkable for the great energy which he afterwards displayed. He was very popular among his fellow-students, whom, being a good musician, he often delighted with his talent. He had a great affection for his teacher, Dr. Todd, to whom he was clinical clerk. In the Hospital, he filled the resident offices of House-Physician and Physician Accoucheur's Assistant; but, after becoming qualified, he did not again engage in the practice of midwifery.

He graduated as M.B. of the University of London in 1857, and took the degree of M.D. in 1858. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in 1865.

He was for some time Physician to the Chelsea, Brompton, and Belgrave Dispensary in Sloane Square, and in 1861 became attached to the Westminster Hospital as Assistant Physician and Lecturer on *Materia Medica* and *Toxicology*. Subsequently, for some years, he has been Physician to the Hospital and Lecturer on *Medicine*.

He was the author of works on *Stimulants and Narcotics* (1869), of the articles "Alcoholism" and "Neuralgia" in Dr. Reynolds's *System of*

Medicine, and of *Notes on Epidemics in 1866*. These published works, however, represent but a small portion of the literary work which he did. He edited the *Practitioner* from its commencement, and contributed numerous articles to various journals, reviews, year-books, etc. For the last ten years, his labour was great; and he scarcely ever allowed himself rest. His facility of composition was very great.

For some months before his death he had been carrying on, in the physiological laboratory of Westminster Hospital, a laborious series of experiments (not yet completed) on the determination of the quantity of urea excreted under various conditions.

On Sunday, September 6th, he wounded a finger of his right hand in a *post mortem* examination of a child. He complained of his arm on Tuesday and Wednesday (the 8th and 9th), and poulticed his axilla on the latter day; but, although he had spoken about his arm to two or three medical friends, he never seriously consulted any one till Thursday, when he sent for Mr. Brudenell Carter, who called in Drs. George Johnson and Burdon Sanderson to his aid. Coma, pleuropneumonia, and erysipelatous patches on the pectoral region of the side where the hand was wounded, appeared; and he died at 2.30 on Saturday last, with symptoms of clot in the heart.

EDWARD CUTLER, F.R.C.S.

THIS gentleman, whose death we briefly recorded in our last number, was the son of a clergyman, and was born at Wimborne, Dorset, in 1796; consequently, at his death on the 8th instant, he was more than 77 years old. At first, Edward Cutler selected the navy as his profession; but, proving to be very prone to sea-sickness, he forsook the sea and entered St. George's Hospital as a student of medicine. He became a member of the College of Surgeons in 1820, and was appointed a surgeon in the second regiment of Life Guards. At this period, his happy characteristic of being able to make friends was very marked; and those whom he attracted to him in the army remained his staunch friends through life. He next became Sir Benjamin Brodie's assistant, and remained such until he was elected Assistant-Surgeon to St. George's Hospital. In rotation, he became Full-Surgeon to that institution, also Surgeon to the Lock Hospital; and was finally appointed Consulting-Surgeon to both those hospitals. He was made a Fellow of the College of Surgeons at the first election of Fellows in 1843, and was at one time a member of Council of the College. Although he had done nothing for the literature of his profession, he was an excellent operator and a good practical surgeon. He has never been surpassed, rarely equalled, in the facility with which he performed perineal section. He possessed great good judgment and common sense, and was highly sensitive to anything like professional wrong of any kind. He was a great favourite with a large circle of friends, was greatly respected, and enjoyed at one time a large and lucrative surgical practice.

GEORGE GREENE, M.D.

THE late Dr. George Greene practised in Ramsay, in the Isle of Man, and the surrounding country. He had followed his profession in the district of his choice for upwards of fifteen years. His worth as a practitioner was well and widely known, and his skill highly valued. The extent of his labours brought him almost unceasing toil by day, with rest too frequently broken or lost at night. This told its tale in a very severe attack of rheumatic fever, from which he recovered, though with a damaged heart. He still worked on, but excessive wear and tear brought on, a few weeks back, a still more serious and fatal illness. On August 4th, in the thirty-sixth year of his age, he sank, after days of constant and most trying suffering, borne with exemplary patience. His death is premature; his loss is deeply and widely lamented.

ROBERT PATON, M.D., MORPETH.

DR. ROBERT PATON died at his residence, near Morpeth, on August 15th, after a lingering illness of nearly eight months. Early in the autumn of last year, he found himself at times out of his usual health, but the exigencies of a large country as well as town practice prevented him from obtaining that continuous rest, which, if enjoyed at the right time, might have re-established his health. About Christmas, he was seized with an attack of pleuro pneumonia, which returned at intervals, superinducing consolidation of the left lung, and carrying him off at the comparatively early age of 58. He was a native of Douglas, in Lanarkshire, where he received his preliminary education. He took his professional course at Anderson's University, Glasgow, and proved a distinguished student, carrying off several prizes in the department of surgery. His first qualification was the licence of the Royal College of Surgeons,