

transports, etc.; and other special subjects. Those on Military Medicine refer to the tropical and other diseases of the British possessions and colonies, and to the losses, by disease in peace and war at home and abroad. The lectures on Hygiene comprise all duties relating to the examination of water, air, food, clothing, etc., of the soldier; his duties and exercise, and the circumstances affecting his health; the subjects of meteorology, statistics, and prevention of the principal diseases met with in the Army, on home or foreign service. The lectures on Pathology have reference chiefly to the scientific examination of tropical diseases, and of other complaints which the army-surgeon is especially called on to investigate. The candidates also attend the wards of the hospital to study the diseases of invalids under the Professors of Medicine and Surgery, the system of recruiting, and the modes of keeping the army medical returns and records. They are also called on to make post-mortem examinations, to operate on the dead body, and pass through courses of practical instruction in the laboratory on the modes of recognising the qualities and adulterations of food, and in the microscopic room on the modes of microscopic examination of morbid tissues and of adulterations of food, etc.

NAVY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

ADMIRALTY, SOMERSET HOUSE.

REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF ASSISTANT-SURGEON IN THE ROYAL NAVY.

A candidate for entry into the Royal Navy shall make a written application to that effect, addressed to the Secretary of the Admiralty; on the receipt of which application he will be furnished with the regulations and a printed form, to be filled up by him, to show if he possesses the required qualifications.

As vacancies occur, the number of candidates required will be ordered to attend at the Admiralty Office, bringing with them the requisite certificates, showing that they are fully qualified by age, professional ability, etc., when they will be examined by a board of medical officers, to be named by their Lordships.

That no person be admitted as an Assistant-Surgeon in the Royal Navy who shall not produce a certificate of being registered under the Medical Act, and a diploma from one of the Royal Colleges of Surgeons of England, Edinburgh, or Dublin, from the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, from Trinity College, Dublin, or from other corporate body legally entitled to grant a diploma in Surgery; nor as a Surgeon unless he shall produce a certificate from one of the said colleges, faculty, or corporate body, founded on an examination to be passed subsequent to his appointment of Assistant-Surgeon as to his fitness for the situation of Surgeon in the Navy; and in every case the person producing such diploma and certificate shall also undergo a further examination, touching his qualifications in all the necessary branches and points of Medicine and Surgery, both at the time of his entry and after serving three years to render himself eligible for Surgeon; and that previously to the admission of Assistant-Surgeons into the Navy, it will be required that they produce proof of having received a preliminary classical education, and that they possess, in particular, a competent knowledge of Latin; also,

That they are of good moral character; the certificate of which must be signed by the clergyman of the parish, or by a magistrate of the district.

That they have served an apprenticeship, or have been engaged for not less than six months in Practical Pharmacy.

That their age be not less than twenty years, or more than twenty-six years.

That they have actually attended a recognised Hospital for eighteen months subsequently to the age of eighteen, in which Hospital the average number of patients is not less than one hundred.

That they have been engaged in actual dissections of the human body twelve months, the certificate of which from the teacher must state the number of subjects or parts dissected by the candidate.

That they have attended Lectures, etc., on the following subjects, at established schools of eminence, by Physicians or Surgeons of the recognised Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons in the-United Kingdom, for periods not less than hereunder stated; observing, however, that such Lectures will not be admitted if the teacher shall lecture on more than one branch of science, or if the Lectures on Anatomy, Surgery, and Medicine be not attended during Winter Sessions of six months each:—Anatomy 18 months; or General Anatomy 12 months, and Comparative Anatomy 6 months. General Surgery 12 months, or Military Surgery 6 months, and General Surgery 6 months. Theory of Medicine 6 months, Practice of Medicine 6 months; if the Lectures on the Theory and Practice of Medicine be given in conjunction, then the period required is 12 months. Clinical Lectures (at an Hospital as above) 12 months; on the Practice of Medicine 6 months, on the Practice of Surgery 6 months. Chemistry 6 months; or Lectures on Chemistry 3 months, and Practical Chemistry 3 months. *Materia Medica* 6 months. Midwifery 6 months, accompanied by certificates stating the number of Midwifery cases personally attended. Botany 3 months.

A favourable consideration will be given to candidates who have obtained the degree of M.D. at either of the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, Edinburgh, Dublin, Glasgow, London, or Aberdeen; or who, by possessing a knowledge of the diseases of the eye, and of any branch of science connected with the profession, such as Medical Jurisprudence, Natural History, Natural Philosophy, etc., appear to be more peculiarly eligible for admission into the service.

By the rules of the service, no Assistant-Surgeon can be promoted to the rank of Surgeon until he shall have served five years (two years of which must be in a ship actually employed at sea), and can produce a certificate from one of the before-mentioned colleges, faculty, or corporate body; and it is resolved that not any certificate of examination from any of the aforesaid institutions shall be admitted toward the qualification for Surgeon, unless the certificate shall be obtained on an examination passed after a period of not less than three years' actual service; observing, that no one can be admitted to an examination for Surgeon, unless, as hereinbefore mentioned, he can produce a certificate, together with the most satisfactory proof, that he has performed, on the dead body, under the superintendence of a professor or teacher of known eminence, all the capital operations of Surgery, and is perfectly competent to perform any operation with skill and dexterity, and thoroughly acquainted with the anatomy of the parts involved in such operation; without which qualification no one hereafter can be promoted to the higher branches of the service; and whenever Assistant-Surgeons already in the service (whose professional education may not be in accordance with the above) obtain leave to study previously to their passing for Surgeon, they will be required, on their examination, to produce testimonials of their having availed themselves of the period of leave to complete their education agreeably to these regulations generally.