

1. The grades of medical officers in our army shall be four in number—viz:—

- (1) Inspector-general of hospitals.
- (2) Deputy inspector-general of hospitals.
- (3) Staff or regimental surgeon, who after 20 years' full-pay service in any rank shall be styled surgeon-major.
- (4) Staff or regimental assistant-surgeon.

2. No candidate shall be admitted to the competitive examination for a commission in the Medical Department of our army who does not possess such a certificate or certificates as would qualify a civilian to practise emedicine and surgery; and no such candidate shall receive a commission as assistant-surgeon until he shall have satisfactorily passed an examination in military medicine, surgery, and hygiene, after attending the authorized course in a general military hospital.

3. No assistant-surgeon shall be eligible for promotion to the rank of surgeon until he shall have passed such examination as our principal Secretary of State for War may require, and shall have served on full-pay with the commission of assistant-surgeon for five years, of which two shall have been passed in or with a regiment.

4. A surgeon whether on the Staff or attached to regiments, must have served ten years in the army, with a commission of full-pay, of which two must have been passed with the rank of surgeon in or with a regiment, before he will be eligible for promotion to the rank of deputy inspector-general of hospitals.

5. A deputy inspector-general of hospitals must have served five years at home, or three abroad, in that rank before he shall be eligible for promotion to the rank of inspector-general.

In cases, however, of emergency, or when the good of the service renders such alteration desirable, it shall be competent for our Secretary of State for War to shorten the several periods of service above-mentioned, in such manner as he shall deem fit and expedient.

6. Assistant-surgeons shall, as a general rule, be promoted to the rank of surgeon in the order of their seniority in the service, unless unfit for the discharge of their duties from physical or professional incompetence or misconduct. In cases of distinguished service, however, an assistant-surgeon may be promoted without reference to seniority; and in such cases, with a view to insure the responsibility attaching to an appointment made out of the regular course of promotion, the recommendation, in which the services of the officer shall be detailed, shall be published in the General Orders of the Army and in the *Gazette* in which his promotion appears.

7. All promotion from the rank of surgeon to that of deputy-inspector and from the rank of deputy inspector to that of inspector, shall be given by selection for ability and merit; and the grounds of such selection shall be stated to us in writing, and recorded in the office of our Commander-in-Chief, the selection being made from the whole rank of surgeons, whether styled surgeons or surgeon-majors.

8. The rates of pay of the medical officers of our army shall be in accordance with the following schedule:—