

The Medical Chronicle.

LICET OMNIBUS, LICET NOBIS, DIGNITATEM ARTIS MEDICÆ TUERI.

NAVY MEDICAL SERVICE.—The last of the three public services of England having Medical appointments is the Royal Navy:—

Admiralty Office, Somerset House.

Director-General of the Medical Department of the Navy—Sir JOHN LIDDELL, C.B., M.D., F.R.S.

“The candidate must produce a Diploma from one of the Colleges of Surgeons, also proof of having received a preliminary classical education; of having been engaged for not less than six months in practical pharmacy; that his age be not less than twenty years, nor more than twenty-six; that he has actually attended an hospital in London, Edinburgh, Dublin, Glasgow, Aberdeen, or Bristol, for eighteen months subsequently to the age of eighteen; that he has been engaged in actual dissections twelve months; that he has attended the following lectures—Anatomy, eighteen months (or general anatomy, twelve months, and comparative anatomy, six months); surgery, eighteen months (or general surgery, twelve months, and military surgery, six months); theory of medicine, six months; practice of medicine, twelve months; (if the lectures on the theory and practice of medicine be given in conjunction, then the period required is eighteen months;) clinical lectures on the practice of medicine, six months; practice of surgery, six months; chemistry, six months (or lectures on chemistry, three months, and practical chemistry, three months); materia medica, six months; midwifery, six months, with certificates of the number of cases attended; botany, three months.

“By an Admiralty Circular, dated 1855—1, Assistant-Surgeons of the Royal Navy are to rank with mates, according to the dates of their respective commissions, and will take relative rank with Lieutenants and Assistant-Surgeons in the Army. 2. Assistant-surgeons serving in ships commanded by captains or commanders are to mess with the ward-room officers; and those serving in vessels commanded by lieutenants or masters are to mess in the gun-room with the other officers. 3. Cabins are to be assigned to Assistant-Surgeons whenever the service admits.”

It is reported that the provisions of the warrant recently issued by the War-Office, regulating the grades, rank and emoluments, and general position of the medical officers of the army, are about to be extended in every particular to the medical departments of the navy.