THE SERVICES.

ARMY MEDICAL STAFF.

SURGEON-CAPTAIN EDYE has embarked for service in Ceylon and Surgeon-Captain Hughes has been appointed to the 1st Life Guards as an attached medical officer.

INDIA AND THE INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICES.

Surgeon-Major Gimlette (Bengal), Agency Surgeon in Baghelkhand, is appointed to be Residency Surgeon at Indore, vice Surgeon-Colonel Caldecott, whose services have been replaced at the disposal of the Military Department. Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Weir (Bengal), Residency Surgeon and *ex-officio* Assistant to the Resident in Nepal, and Officiating Medical Officer, Kotah and Jhalrapatan, is appointed to be Agency Surgeon in Baghelkhand, vice Surgeon-Major Gimlette. The services of Surgeon-Captain Bidie (Madras), are replaced at the disposal of the Military Department.

THE ARMY MEDICAL SERVICES.

We have already published the purport of the new regulations for admission to the Army Medical Staff, but we may call attention to the subject again because of its importance to intending candidates. There will be in future a combined examination, and a candidate, if successful, will be allowed to take his choice of the medical services—British or Indian—he desires to enter. The regulations state that the examinations for the Army Medical Staff and for the Indian Medical Service will be identical and simultaneous. A candidate will be allowed to enter for both services and if successful to choose according to his place on the list, subject to his being qualified under the regulations special to each service.

THE TROOPSHIP "AVOCA."

Further telegraphic intelligence from the correspondent of the *Daily Mail* states that the troopship *Avoca* had arrived at Natal with 1000 soldiers on board. The correspondent says that according to the statements of the men themselves the treatment meted out to them was better after the vessel had left Capetown, but there was still a marked scarcity of rations. The troops appear to have been packed like herrings in a barrel.

DEATHS IN THE SERVICES.

Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Wilson, M.D., Indian Medical Service, at Southsea, on the 13th inst, aged forty-nine years.

Correspondence.

"Audi alteram partem."

MR. HALL HAINS'S DEFENCE FUND.

To the Editors of THE LANCET.

SIRS,—The case of Mr. Hall Hains, of Shepherd's Bush, who was recently tried at the Central Criminal Court on an unfounded charge of performing an illegal operation, is doubtless within the recollection of the profession. We have followed the case throughout and were convinced from the first of the falsity of the charge. It will probably be remembered that the jury stopped the case by the direction of Mr. Justice Ridley, Mr. Hains leaving the court without a stain on his character. Unfortunately he has been put to very great expense in defending this charge, his costs amounting to over £800. A meeting was held at the address below on Dec. 10th and it was then determined to form an influential committee to aid in raising a fund to help Mr. Hains to defray part of the heavy costs he has had to meet. It is a noteworthy fact that the principal members of the staff of the Westminster Hospital, where Mr. Hains was formerly house surgeon, have joined the committee and subscribed to the fund. An important letter from Sir Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., who defended Mr. Hains, which is enclosed by his permission, bears out the utter groundlessness of the charge. We therefore make an earnest appeal to the profession in general for Mr. Hains, who has been shamefully treated and who has been financially embarrassed by having to find this large amount. We append

a full list of the committee and subscriptions received or promised up to this date, and

We beg to remain, Sirs, yours sincerely,

JOSEPH SMITH,
Chairman of Committee.

HERBERT CARRE-SMITH,
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer to the Fund.

15, Bath-road, Bedford-park, W., Dec. 20th, 1897.

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to whom subscriptions should be sent. Cheques should be crossed London and South-Western Bank, Shepherd's Bush Branch.

The following is a copy of the letter received from Sir Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., and is published with his permission.

"Royal Courts of Justice, Dec. 8th, 1897.

"DEAR SIR,—I am not at all surprised that Mr. Hall Hains's brethren in the medical profession should desire to relieve him to some extent from the costs of the recent trial. Each of them is exposed to the danger of having an absolutely false and groundless charge brought against him; of suffering the anxieties of a criminal trial; of having to incur large costs; and of carrying through life the painful recollection of having been the subject of a serious accusation.

"Mr. Hains has fortunately been cleared from every suspicion of wrong-doing and it has been shown that there was not even indiscretion on his part which suggested or framed an excuse for the charge against him.

"I think he deserves the assistance of the medical profession and shall be glad to be allowed to evidence my feeling upon the subject by contributing towards the fund you propose to raise the enclosed cheque for twenty-five guineas.—I am, dear Sir, faithfully yours,

"Mr. Herbert L. Carre-Smith." "EDWARD CLARKE.

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THE EPIDEMIC OF TYPHOID FEVER AT BELFAST.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL COMMISSIONER.)

(Concluded from p. 1635.)

To sum up the position at Belfast it has been seen that the water-supply, though exposed to contamination on the gathering grounds, is very carefully stored and filtered. It may therefore be said that the water-supply of Belfast is not more dangerous than that of London. Both depend for their purity on prolonged storage and efficacious filtration. Nevertheless this water-supply will soon be abandoned and it has been decided to collect water from the Mourne Hills.