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APPENDIX.

REGULATIONS FOR THE ADMISSION OF PHYSICIANS INTO THE MEDICAL STAFF OF THE ARMY.

THE subjoined regulations respecting the admission of Medical Men into the Army of the United States, and the pay of Army Surgeons, were issued by the War Department in March, 1857:—

No person can receive the appointment of ASSISTANT SURGEON in the ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES, unless he shall have been examined and approved by an ARMY MEDICAL BOARD, to consist of not less than three SURGEONS or ASSISTANT SURGEONS, to be designated for that purpose by the Secretary of War; nor can any person receive the appointment of SURGEON IN THE ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES, unless he shall have served five years as an ASSISTANT SURGEON, and unless, also, he shall have been examined by an ARMY MEDICAL BOARD, constituted as aforesaid.

BOARDS OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS are convened at such times as the wants of the service render it necessary, when selections are made by the Secretary of War of the number of applicants to be ex-

amined for appointment of ASSISTANT SURGEON. To the persons thus selected, invitations are given to present themselves to the BOARD for examination. These invitations state the time and place of meeting of the BOARD.

APPLICANTS must be between 21 and 28 years of age. The BOARD will scrutinize rigidly the moral habits, professional acquirements, and physical qualifications of the candidates, and report favorably in no case admitting of a reasonable doubt.

The BOARD will report the respective merits of the candidates in the several branches of the examination, and their relative merit from the whole; agreeably whereto, if vacancies happen within two years thereafter, they will receive appointments and take rank in the Medical Corps.

AN APPLICANT failing at one examination, may be allowed a second, after two years; but never a third.

APPLICATIONS must be addressed to the SECRETARY OF WAR; must state the residence of the applicant, and the date and place of his birth. They must also be accompanied by respectable testimonials of his possessing the moral and physical qualifications requisite for filling creditably the responsible station, and for performing ably the arduous and active duties of an officer of the Medical Staff.

NO ALLOWANCE is made for the expenses of persons undergoing these examinations, as they are indispensable prerequisites to appointment; but those who are approved and receive appointments will be entitled to transportation on obeying their first order.

The allowance for forage and servants is paid to the Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons only when they actually employ and keep in service the number of servants and horses charged for.

In addition to the above, Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons are allowed an additional ration per day, after the termination of every five years' service.

The Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons of the Volunteer Military service are commissioned by the Governor of the State in which they are enrolled, their appointment being received either directly from him or from the officers of their regiment. It is obvious that the candidates for admission should be subjected to a rigid examination before a competent Medical Board; and there is reason to believe that, in view of the great importance of the subject, such a Board will soon be established in every State. The pay of the Surgeons—of whom there are two in each regiment, a Chief and his Assistant—of the volunteer forces, is the same as in the regular army, when mustered into service. The salary of the Surgeon-General is \$2740 a year.