

THE NAVAL RELIEF FUNDS.

1882.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE STANDARD.

SIR,—In compliance with the unanimous vote of the Committees of the Eurydice and Atalanta Relief Funds, to the following effect—viz., that the Naval Commander in Chief at Portsmouth should be requested to communicate to the public Press, annually, the state of the various Naval Relief Funds in charge of the Royal Patriotic Commissioners—I beg to state that in the Annual Report of the Commissioners of the Royal Patriotic Fund, just issued, I find the enclosed statements.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

A. P. RYDER, Admiral.

Admiralty House, Portsmouth, October 10.

CAPTAIN RELIEF FUND.—From this fund there were paid during the year 1881 full annuities to 44 widows and five relatives. Half annuities to 63 remarried women. Also allowances to 55 children, 22 of whom also received educational allowances. This, with the cost of management, necessitated an expenditure of 2091*l.* 1*s.*

EURYDICE RELIEF FUND.—The annuitants upon this fund at same date were—24 widows, nine remarried women, five officers' widows, eight children of officers, and 39 children of seamen and marines, and educational allowances had been paid to five children—in all the expenditure during the year was 1163*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.*

ATALANTA RELIEF FUND.—The payments from this Fund for 1881 were to 22 widows, five officers' widows, 11 children of officers, and 31 of seamen and marines, amounting in all to 267*l.* 2*s.* 7*d.*

Mr. Finlaison, the actuary of the National Debt Office, in his Report to the Commissioners of the Royal Patriotic Fund, dated the 31st of March, 1882, states that he had made an examination of the financial positions of these Funds, and that the assets in hand are of greater extent than the liabilities under which the respective Funds were reported to have stood on the 31st of December, 1881.

ROYAL NAVAL RELIEF FUND.—The recipients of annuities from this Fund during the year 1881 were four widows and four children, and the amount expended 114*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.* This Fund has a surplus income of about 100*l.* a year.