

## TREATMENT OF RINGWORM.

Sir,—About a year ago I wrote to your JOURNAL, asking for suggestions in the treatment of tinea tonsurans, as I had a family of six children under treatment in which the disease was most obstinate and unyielding. I received a large number of replies to my communication, recommending a host of remedies, many of which are said to be specific; and in order that I might do justice to all the gentlemen who were kind enough to give me their experience, I tried the great majority of them; and my experience is, that the most success was obtained from a mixture, to be applied to the parts affected, of carbolic acid and glycerine in the proportion of one to eight (weaker if it inflames). The general health also requires attention. Tonics, including arsenic and cod-liver oil, are often indicated; also a prolonged change to a bracing coast.—I remain, yours faithfully,  
Elder House, Chesterfield.

RICHARD JEFFREYS.

P.S.—I should also strongly advise shaving the heads regularly until the disease has disappeared.

C. W. (Macclesfield).—The book is not published in English.

## THE MANAGEMENT OF THE THIRD STAGE OF LABOUR.

Sir,—The adverse record of your correspondent "Placenta" as to the value of "expression" of the afterbirth should not be allowed to pass without refutation. During the past three years, I have only twice found this method fail me, and in each instance morbid adhesion was present to render it inapplicable. The hardened uterus, even in fat subjects, can always be readily felt; and by firm pressure the placenta becomes "expressed" into the vagina, whence it may be removed by what is then legitimate traction of the cord. By such means, the uterus is steadied, the severity of the after-pains seems modified, and the risk of *post partum* hæmorrhage certainly diminished. The introduction of the hand into the uterus, as recommended by your correspondent, is certainly retrograde, being as objectionable in practice as it is to the patient.—I am, sir, yours obediently,

Dalston, E., Dec. 28th, 1880.

F. E. COCKELL, junior, M.R.C.S.E.

Sir,—In answer to "Placenta," I like himself, having of the teaching of the text-books. We are told that, as a rule, the placenta is expelled in half an hour by the uterine action. It may be so; but I rarely have seen it. Immediately after the separation of the child, I grasp the uterus firmly, and encourage its descent on the placenta, and for a few minutes hook the latter near the insertion of the cord. In this way I avoid all flooding, and save myself much time and annoyance. The squeezing of the uterus is the main instrument; and practice will determine the amount of traction on the placenta. I have only met with two cases of hour-glass contraction, and those in the earlier days of my adoption of this plan.—Yours, etc.,  
Longtown, Abergavenny, Dec. 21st, 1880.

LESLIE THAIN, M.R.C.S.

## MEDICAL MEN AND THEIR FEES.

Sir,—I observe in to-day's JOURNAL, that a county court case of mine has travelled to you by way of Leeds, and is the subject of an editorial annotation. Your remarks apply pointedly to our county court judge. It may interest your readers to know that, in the case referred to, the defendant, who was sued for attendance on a deceased relative, admitted in court having received more than sufficient money to cover expenses, and had literally no defence except that the money was spent. I may add that, although I had not supplied items on the face of the bill, I was prepared with my ledger to prove them in court. In a subsequent case, the judge, finding this to be so, actually insisted that I ought to be able to state the age and personal appearance of the person attended, and on my somewhat indignantly, and, perhaps, imprudently, replying that I was not a photographic apparatus, allowed only a portion of the bill. It will thus be apparent to your readers that dishonest debtors have a good time of it in Oldham; and that I, having figured in court for the first time in a professional experience of eleven years, am not ardently desirous of going there again, at least as plaintiff.—I am, etc.,  
Oldham, Jan. 1st, 1881.

GEORGE THOMSON, M.D.

## TEMPERANCE WORK OF NON-ABSTAINERS.

IN the annual summary of the *Church of England Temperance Chronicle* we read the following:—"The BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, official organ of the British Medical Association, with 10,000 subscribers, has had repeated friendly references to temperance. The Editor, Mr. Ernest Hart, takes a warm interest in coffee taverns and the new Music Hall Company. He spoke out strongly at Dr. N. Kerr's lecture in the Memorial Hall. His admirable efforts have our warm appreciation; and he well illustrates the power of a non-abstainer. Much valuable aid has been rendered to branches of our society by the frequent addresses of Dr. Alfred Carpenter, whose position as President of the Council of the British Medical Association adds special weight to his words."

## PRACTICE BY ARMY SURGEONS.

Sir,—In reply to the question of "Medicus" contained in his letter published in the JOURNAL of the 25th December, it may be stated that there is no regulation prohibiting army medical officers from practising, when such occupation does not interfere with their official duties. In many parts of the world their services are much in request, and in some places no other medical aid is available.

Civilians are frequently entrusted with the medical charge of troops; but it does not appear that this is made a ground of complaint by military surgeons, who are thereby relegated to foreign service.

Your correspondent complains of great injury inflicted upon those who have to pay rent and taxes by army surgeons in one locality being called in for consultation, as though the latter enjoyed an immunity from taxation, and lived rent free! This is by no means the case. A few unmarried officers are here and there accommodated in barracks; it is true (thereby forfeiting part of their emoluments), but the majority provide their own dwellings, and, with smaller means, are subject to the same charges as their brethren in private life.—Your obedient servant,  
December 27th, 1880.

BRIGADE-SURGEON

THE "HAMMOND PRIZE" OF THE AMERICAN NEUROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION. THIS American Neurological Association, offers a prize of five hundred dollars, to be known as the "William A. Hammond Prize," and to be awarded at the meeting in June, 1882, to the author of the best essay on the Functions of the Thalamus in Man. The conditions under which this prize is to be awarded are as follows.

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## THE LECLANCHÉ BATTERY.

Sir,—I will thank you to allow me to ask you, or your readers: What constitutes a Leclanché element, or cell, in galvanism? What is the best way to put it together? and, What is the strength of the solution, or solutions, used? I understand that a battery composed of Leclanché cells is the one to be most commended for wear and constancy of power.—I am, sir, faithfully yours,  
ELECTRON.

P.S.—What is the best way to prevent the crystallisation of the solution (which is chloride of ammonium, I think), on the zinc rod?

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