

A. T.—The term *hyperchromatopsie* is used by the French to indicate an anomaly of vision, under the influence of which the patient is led to attach ideas of colours to certain objects or certain forms, which have no real connexion with colours.

PRESCRIBING BY MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.—**SIR:** In reply to your correspondent, "A General Practitioner", in your last number of the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL*, and for the information of my brother practitioners, I beg to refer them to some printed observations issued by the Apothecaries' Society of London, with respect to evidence to be adduced in support of an action in the County Court, for the recovery of the penalty incurred for practising as an apothecary without legal qualification.

"The practice of an apothecary consists in attending and advising patients afflicted with diseases requiring medical treatment, prescribing, compounding, and supplying medicines for their cure or relief; for instance, diseases of the brain, the lungs, the heart, the stomach, the liver, and the bowels, when the disorder is unattended by any external wound, sore, or tumour; and when medical treatment, unaided by any manual operation, is called for. The following observations of Mr. Justice Cresswell, in the case of the Apothecaries' Company v. Lotinga, will be read with advantage. 'Now, I apprehend that an apothecary is a person who professes to judge of internal disease by its symptoms, and applies himself to cure that disease by medicines. A surgeon may lawfully do this if the medicines are administered in the cure of a surgical case; if, for instance, in the case of a broken leg, it becomes necessary to administer medicine; but, on the other hand, if a surgeon takes upon himself to cure a fever, he steps out of his lawful province, and is not authorised to administer medicine in such a case. But then it is said, if he did not supply the medicine as a surgeon, still he did not supply them as an apothecary, but as a chemist. But a chemist is one who sells medicines which are asked for, not to select medicines, and determine on which he ought to give.' A bill is not absolutely necessary, as evidence can be given that the patient was attended as medical men ordinarily do attend, and that the services were not gratuitous."

I have no doubt that Mr. Upton, the clerk of the Apothecaries' Society, will furnish any gentleman with a copy of the printed instructions; and, as quackery among chemists is so common, and the Apothecaries' Act so little understood, I think it would be a prudent step to copy the observations issued by the Society of Apothecaries into an early number of the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL*. I am, etc.,

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