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PUBLIC DOCTORS FOR NIGHT EMERGENCIES. SIR,—In connection with the above proposal, the profession, I think, should not lose the opportunity to right itself with the public. No other faculty is ever charged with inhumanity and uncharitableness; but of doctors it is too often hinted at, even

by officials. The "registered" practitioner is little enough protected by laws specially affecting the profession; and on the principle that every labourer is worthy of his hire, I think the public should be reminded that the medical profession, as a body of bread-earners, volunteer a vast amount of gratuitous advice. I am decidedly one of those who think that, if the service had to be paid for, it would be a good deal more appreciated by the recipient than it is now.—Your obedient EN RETRAITE.

M.A.Cantab.—Your application should be addressed to the Registrar of the General Medical Council, 299, Oxford Street, as the preliminary examinations at the Royal College of Surgeons are now discontinued.

H. W.—Half-a-crown is an absurdly small sum to offer for filling up such a paper as the one you inclose. Medical men are glad to encourage life-assurance; but they must be paid a reasonable fee for furnishing the skilled opinion upon which the actuary bases his calculation.

ABSORPTION OF THE NECK OF THE FEMUR.

SIR,—In last week's JOURNAL, Mr. Jones of Manchester gives an interesting description of a case which he terms "Interstitial absorption of the neck of the femur". in this week's Journal, Mr. Jones of Manchester gives an interesting description of a case which he terms "Interstitial absorption of the neck of the femur". With your permission, sir, I would venture to mention difficulties which seem to me to lie in the way of an unreserved acceptation of Mr. Jones's diagnosis. As the patient did not die, the diagnosis rests upon clinical evidence alone. The limb was shortened to the extent of an inch and three-quarters; but could such shortening have been caused by a slight approximation of the head of the femur to the great trochanter by loss of substance in the neck? I must confess my inability to conceive an interstitial absorption of such an extent as to give rise to shortening. In specimens in the London museums in which this condition is said to have occurred, it can be clearly perceived that what has occurred is loss of substance, not in the neck, but of the head, and the moulding of a new head upon the neck. This new head is generally flattened from above downwards, and so would caure shortening of the extremity, especially as there is in such cases always expansion of the acetabulum upwards, allowing the thigh-bone to be drawn upwards. And this, I would submit, is what took place in Mr. Jones's case; and I would suggest that the fibrous adhesions which were broken down existed between carious articular surfaces, and not external to the joint.—I am, etc.,

S. D. CLIPPINGDALE, M.D., F.R.C.S. Kensington, February 19th, 1882.

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MARYLEBONE should call on any practitioners in the neighbourhood to whom he has letters of introduction. Beyond this, he should follow the ordinary rule of

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THE FUTURE OF INOCULATION.

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THE following we quote from a contemporary. Customer:—"My nephew is just starting for Sierra Leone, and I thought I could not make him a more useful present than a dose of your best yellow fever. Would you tell me the price, please?"—Chemist: "Well, ma'am, the germs are so difficult to cultivate in Europe, that I would advise your waiting for the next West Indian mail, when I am expecting a nice fresh consignment from St. Thomas. Meanwhile we would recommend our half-guinea traveller's assortment of the six commonest zymotics, and could add most of the tropical diseases from stock at 5s. each. We have some nice Asiatic cholera, just ripe, but they are more expensive." cholera, just ripe, but they are more expensive.

HE BRUSSELS M.D.—Mr. J. B. Baker should apply by letter to Dr. F. E. Pocock, The Limes, St. Mark's Road, Notting Hill, W.

IR,—In the article on Notification of Infectious Diseases in your JOURNAL of February 18th, 1882 (page 233), the plan of registration you approve of is by Dr. G. Purcell Atkins, not of Cork, but of Cork Street Hospital, Dublin.—Yours very faithfully,

G. PURCELL ATKINS.

Cork Street Hospital, Dublin, February 21st, 1882.

SPLINTS ON HORSES' LEGS.

SILINTS ON HORSES LEGS.

SIR,—I should be much obliged by any practical information on the subject of operative measures for the above. I am acquainted with most of the book knowledge concerning it; but can anyone give me the result of cutting down and removing the sharp bony points that interfere with the movement of the tendon, and so cause lameness and pain?—I am, etc.,

J. L. J.

L. M. G. will find the information which he requires in the JOURNAL for November

IR. ALFRED GODRICH, one of the medical officers for South Kensington, in a letter which appeared in the Globe of February oth, again attacks the Asylums Board. He states that Sir Edmund Currie remarked, we suppose at the previous meeting of the board, that, out of roo patients admitted into the Deptford Hospital, 84 were inhabitants of the district immediately contiguous to the hospital. This statement is doubtless taken from a newspaper report, and we doubt if Sir Edmund Currie said anything of the sort. However this may be, we have ascertained that, at the meeting of the Asylums Board on February 4th, the fortnightly return of patients admitted into the Deptford Hospital showed a total of ro5 patients. Of these, 84 came from the parishes of Camberwell, Greenwich, St. Saviour's, and St. Olave's, parishes which, as Mr. Godrich's is no doubt aware, embrace a very large part of South London, and not all by any means in the immediate neighbourhood of the hospital. Mr. Godrich's statements that the Asylum Boards hospitals are badly situated and hadly ventilated, etc., needs no comment. He believes that the shortest way to stamp out small-pox in London is to shut up the Asylums Board hospitals, and make each district provide accommodation for its small-pox cases. The whole question of small-pox accommodation for London may now, we think, MR. ALFRED GODRICH, one of the medical officers for South Kensington, in a letter The whole question of small-pox accommodation for London may now, we think, be safely left in the hands of the Royal Commission; and medical men who have the cause of public health at heart would do well to avoid writing alarming letters to the newspapers.

- DR. DIAMOND.—The argument introduced in respect to sport has, we think, been sufficiently elaborated. After all, strong as the argument is, in some respects it is always open to the retort that two wrongs do not make one right. We doubt the advantage of using this not very strong form of argument, when others so much more direct and positive can be properly adduced, showing the practical utility and importance of experiments upon animals for the purpose of advancing medical knowledge, and increasing success in the treatment of disease.
- M.D., MEMBER, should apply to the Secretary of the Royal University of Ireland,

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