

TREATMENT OF WARTS.

SIR.—In answer to "B. C.," I beg to say that I have found the application, three or four times, by means of a camel-hair pencil, of a strong solution of chromic acid, the most efficient and easy method of removing warts. The solution causes the wart to become black, and ultimately fall off when it is not reproduced.—I am, etc., J. M.

DECAY OF MEMORY.

SIR.—I read your JOURNAL with great interest, and have been rather surprised that none of your correspondents seem to me to give attention to the phenomenon of memory, concerning which there is a very able review of a book on this subject in a recent number of *Nature*. I should like to have a good opinion in your JOURNAL as to the question whether memory can be restored when it has suffered from epilepsy or senile decay?—Yours faithfully, O. H. A.

R. D.—Your patient would probably derive benefit from hypodermic injections of iron. Dialysed iron is the best preparation to use. It is a recognised mode of treatment, and presents no difficulty.

VACCINATION.

SIR.—Can you inform me whether a qualified medical man, who is not a public vaccinator, can make any charge for certificates of postponement of vaccination? or does the statute prevent him from so charging.—Your obedient servant, VACCINE LYMPH.

. The labourer is worthy of his hire; and we therefore see no reason why the gentleman referred to should not charge for the examination of the infant, and the necessary certificate postponing the vaccination, always remembering the capability of the parents to pay the same. There is no statute on the subject.

SIR.—Can you or some of your readers inform me what treatment to adopt (or if any treatment is possible) for a faint red splash on the forehead of a female infant, five months old; it increases in intensity on the child's crying, but is not elevated above the skin? No local treatment has hitherto been of service, and any suggestion would be gratefully received by the parents, and yours faithfully, J. J. M.

MR. FREDERICK HALL.—Evidently some more prompt and definite notice should have been taken of your complaint than it appears to have received; but we should be disposed to regard the vestry clerk's letter as ignorantly brusque, and not intentionally uncivil.

MR. D. A. O'SULLIVAN.—The mistake having been frankly acknowledged, further reference to it had best be avoided. The error of judgment must, nevertheless, be regarded as a serious one.

SIR.—Will you kindly answer the following through the JOURNAL? 1. Is a general practitioner obliged to give items of account to a patient who disputes his bill on any ground? 2. Will you kindly give me the addresses of the best associations for collecting debts of medical men by letter or by legal process?—I am, sir, yours faithfully,

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. Our correspondent, if he has occasion to sue, must give two bills of items, one for the use of the judge, the other for the defendant. He may, however, elect to charge for attendance, inclusive of medicines, for attendance and medicine, or for medicines only; but, whatever he does in this way, it is well that the charge for his daily visits, etc., should show a fair average. We have no information which enables us to recommend any medical debt collecting association, if there be any such in existence, for our correspondent to apply to; but there are, we believe, sundry trade protection societies which undertake such matters; and there are to be found connected with most county courts some solicitors with whom our correspondent can enter into arrangements, care being taken to ascertain the respectability of the said solicitor.

PRIMARY EXAMINATIONS.

THE first examination for the present session in Anatomy and Physiology for the diploma of membership of the Royal College of Surgeons was commenced on Friday last, the 5th inst., when 196 candidates presented themselves, against 179 at the corresponding period last year. The following were the questions on anatomy submitted them at the written examination, when they were required to answer four, and not more than that number, out of the six questions between 1 and 8 o'clock, viz.: 1. Describe the fourth ventricle of the brain. 2. The tongue. Describe its attachments, surfaces, muscles, vessels, and nerves. 3. Describe the attachments and relations of the scalenus medius muscle. 4. Describe the articular surfaces of the bones entering into the formation of the elbow-joint. 5. Describe the excretory apparatus of the liver. 6. Describe the dissection required to expose the great sciatic nerve external to the pelvis.

The following were the questions on physiology to be answered the same day between the hours of 4 and 6, viz.: 1. What are the gases of the blood? What is the average percentage of these gases in arterial and venous blood? In what condition do these gases exist in the blood, and how may this be determined? 2. Describe the principal varieties of epithelium, state where they are found, and the functions they discharge. 3. Describe the structure of a lymphatic gland. How is the movement of the lymph maintained? 4. Describe the distribution of the blood-vessels in the kidney. State and explain the effects on renal secretion of increased arterial supply. 5. State the results of complete intracranial section of the fifth pair of nerves. 6. What is the composition of the atmospheric air? What are the changes effected in it by respiration? Give the average amount of oxygen absorbed by a healthy adult in twenty-four hours.

UNIVERSITIES IN THE UNITED STATES.

OUR correspondent, "J. H. B.," will find information respecting these institutions in the *London Medical Record* for September; and in *Hardwicke's Medical Education, and Practice in all Parts of the World*. Among those of highest repute are: Harvard University, Boston; the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York; the University of Pennsylvania (to be distinguished from the so-called "University of Philadelphia"); Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia; the University of the City of New York; and Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York.

ERRATA.—In the JOURNAL of January 6th, page 13, column 2, the first and second lines have been accidentally transposed. In the same column, line 6 from bottom, for "extrusion" read "exsion".

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BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED.

Transactions of the Pathological Society of London. Vol. 33. Comprising the Report of the Proceedings for the Session 1881-82. London: Smith, Elder, and Co. 1882.

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