

## MEDICAL PROVIDENCE.

SIR,—The BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL frequently contains an appeal to the benevolence of the profession for some unfortunate widow or orphan. This ought not to be, as it can be prevented by a little foresight and economy on the part of our poorer brethren. The Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Medical men, for the sum of two guineas *per annum*, or 9d. *per week*, guarantees the sum of £30 *per annum* to a widow left destitute; also a donation at Christmas, and, in addition, an allowance for orphans. If the profession will not accept such easy terms for the protection from want of those they leave destitute, the sooner they study the natural history of the bee, and apply its habits and prudence to themselves, the better it will be for them. The man who, for 9d. *per week*, can keep his widow from want, or the widow of a professional brother, in not paying it neglects a duty that it should be a pleasure to perform.—I am, sir, yours faithfully,

E. H. R.

ERRATA.—In the two articles headed respectively "Scarlet Fever and the Closing of Schools," and "Outbreaks of Zymotic Disease," which appeared in our last week's issue, Dr. Ballard's name was substituted in error for that of his colleague Dr. Parsons.

L. L. T.—There is a full account of the subject in Barnes's *Diseases of Women*.

## BLUSHING.

SIR,—I have at present a patient, a gentleman, aged 21, who for the last four or five years has been subject to the above unpleasant habit. It is not so much in the presence of ladies, as when he suddenly meets any friend. He finds that, if he once blush in the presence of any one person, he is pretty sure to do so again, and the habit seems to be on the increase. He belongs to a healthy family, but occasionally suffers from dyspepsia. I should be glad of any suggestion as to treatment from any member who has had a similar case.—I am, yours faithfully,

M.R.C.S.

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## APPRENTICESHIP.

SIR,—Will you kindly direct me in the following matter, as to how I should proceed? I have the offer of an articled pupil; but, being only a surgeon (M.R.C.S.L., 1854), am I, with that single qualification, in a position to take an apprentice for a term of years? Would it require the apprentice, after he had finished with me, to have to serve with an apothecary as well, say six or twelve months? I am anxious to oblige the party, but I would not wish the youth to have to undergo more than the ordinary course of apprenticeship. May I ask you also what is the ordinary premium for a provincial surgeon to name?

I hope I am not trespassing upon you, but, being a member of the Association, I prefer to put my inquiry to you.—Yours faithfully,

North Shields, January 22nd, 1883.

THOMAS J. TURNBULL.

\*. Though holding only a surgical qualification, our correspondent is not debarred from taking an articled pupil, if the friends be disposed to come to terms with him; but it would be proper for such pupil to go through a course of pharmacy, not necessarily with an apothecary or pharmacist. A fair premium would be from £100 up to £300, according to time and conditions.

A DISSATISFIED FELLOW.—The charges seem to us very reasonable, and such as a judge would allow. There is no legal standard, but the Manchester scale is an accepted authority in the profession, and certainly does not err on the side of putting fees too highly. Our correspondent's claim is, we think, such as does not admit of any reasonable ground of objection; it is both equitable and moderate.

## THE CONTAGIOUSNESS OF PHTHISIS.

SIR,—As a question bearing on the contagiousness of phthisis, may I ask whether dentists as a body suffer from this disease more than other people? because it appears to me that, if phthisis be contagious, they ought to be especially prone to it, inasmuch as they must be constantly taking in the breath of those suffering from the disease, and, moreover, in each of its separate forms and stages.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

F. P. ATKINSON.

Kingston-on-Thames, February 8th, 1883.

## CONDENSED MILK AND INFANTS.

SIR,—*Apud* Dr. McLennan's communication on the above subject, about a fortnight ago, I saw an eminent oculist apply the needle in two cases (both babies) for capsular cataract. Four or five days after, one was doing well; in the other, suppurative had taken place, and the chances are very small that the eye does not go blind. The first was fed on correct diet; the second (sixteen months) had breast *plus* condensed milk. These two cases taught me two lessons: one, to inquire how every patient was fed, even if they looked fairly well nourished (as this child did before operation); secondly, always to advise parents not to give condensed milk as a dietary for their children, for this was undoubtedly the cause of failure in this poor baby.—Yours obediently,

EDWARD M. OWENS.

The Hydropathic Establishment, Leamington, February 8th, 1883.

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