

THE CASE OF DR. C. R. BROWN.

SIR,—May I acknowledge, through your columns, the receipt of the following sums sent to me in aid of the fund being raised for Dr. Charles Brown, for which the Committee are very grateful?

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In reply to your correspondent Mr. Hayden, I am glad of the opportunity to state that the fund is placed in the hands of the following trustees, to be administered by them for the benefit of Dr. Brown and his family: F. W. H. Cavendish, Esq.; Dr. C. N. Hayman; and myself.—I am, sir, yours faithfully,
E. E. CRAKE.

Clifton House, Eastbourne, April 9th, 1883.

MR. FREDERICK WALLACE has, since last week, received the following subscriptions, which he has forwarded to Rev. E. E. Crake, Honorary Secretary of the Fund, Clifton House, Eastbourne:

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STAMMERING.

SIR,—May I be allowed to inquire, through the columns of your JOURNAL, whether there be any institutions, scholastic or otherwise, where children afflicted with stammering are received and trained. If not, is there any recognised method of treatment which could be pursued at home, or any book which might be referred to with advantage?—Yours sincerely,
New Galloway, N.B., April 9th, 1883. JAMES ALTHAM.

DIPSOMANIA.

SIR,—With the view of altering the present anomalous state of the law regarding the management of dipsomaniacs, would it not be advisable for the Secretary of the Collective Investigation Committee to institute inquiries concerning the development of dipsomania, and the mode of procedure to be adopted with persons suffering from the effects of intemperance in the varied forms so largely prevailing at present in both sexes, which must be the cause of so much anxiety and misery to thousands of families—and, I might add, to millions yet unborn?—Your obedient servant,
41, Portsdown Road, Maida Vale, W., April 9th, 1883. J. PEARSON NASH, M.D.

TRAINING FOR A WEAK-MINDED CHILD.

SIR,—I have under my care a child aged four and a half years, who is very deficient in intellect, though by no means sufficiently so to justify his being sent to an asylum. I should be very glad if you could inform me, through the JOURNAL, of the names of any places where such a case could be taken in and trained, as I am of opinion that the mind might, under proper care, be considerably developed. A place in one of the South-Western Counties would be preferred. I should mention that the child suffers from a partial paralysis of the sphincter ani, which renders his habits dirty.—Yours, etc.,
A. B. C.

. The case in question would probably be taken in at the Western Counties Idiot Asylum, Star Cross, Exeter. If "A. B. C." will apply to the Superintendent of the Asylum at Exeter, he will receive all the necessary particulars for insuring the child's admission.

THE BACILLUS OF WHOOPING-COUGH.

SIR,—I shall feel much obliged if any member will give detailed instructions for the detection of the micro-organisms of pertussis. Are the manipulations the same as for the demonstration of the bacilli of tubercle, and what are the staining fluids used?—Faithfully yours,
L. A. C.

AUSTRALIA.

SIR,—1. Would one of your correspondents kindly inform me what prospects there are for practice in Australia by a young married medical man? Any information through you, or a statement how such information may be obtained, will be acceptable. 2. Would you kindly tell me the name of the publisher of Sir H. Thompson's pamphlet upon cremation?—Yours, etc.,
DELTA.

ANALYSIS OF AIR.

SIR,—Having been much interested in the articles on Dr. A. Smith's investigations on Koch's system of water-analysis, I would like to inquire where Dr. Smith's papers on the subject are to be obtained, and if there is also any rough and ready method of analysing air, as for instance, on visiting a room supposed to be overcrowded, or having persons in it affected with an infectious disorder. To collect the air, take it home, and examine it, is a tedious, troublesome, and to some extent, uncertain method; to do it on the spot would be of use to all medical officers of health. What is Dr. Angus Smith's address?—Yours obediently,
M. O. H.

. 1. Dr. Angus Smith has suggested a very easy process for determining the presence and amount of carbonic acid in the air. It is described in detail by Surg.-Major J. Lane Notter in the *Sanitary Record* of July 15th, 1882, page 3. 2. Dr. Angus Smith's address is, Local Government Board, Whitehall, S.W.

INVALID'S HOME.

SIR,—I should be much obliged if any of your subscribers could recommend an "Invalid's Home," where a gentleman who is much crippled with rheumatism would receive board and lodging, with careful nursing. He is desirous of staying in London, and would pay from £2 to £3 a week.—Yours truly,
A. A. B.

LICENCES AND DEGREES.

SIR,—In to-day's JOURNAL (March 31st) a letter appears from "Verax" under the above heading. I beg to dispute that L.S.A. or M.R.C.S. has as good a right to style himself doctor as L.R.C.P. Query: Is L.R.C.P. a physician? If so, he is a doctor, for every standard English dictionary (e.g. Stormonth by Phelps) gives physician as a meaning for doctor; hence doctor and physician are synonymous terms. No dictionary gives surgeon or apothecary as a meaning for doctor. Consequently, if words have meaning and language interpretation, all physicians have a perfect legal right to style themselves doctor.—Yours, etc.,
ULSTERMAN.

CARBUNCLES.

SIR,—I have never used the knife, caustic, or anything similar, in the treatment of carbuncle, since the sulphide of calcium was brought into use. According to my experience, this medicine never fails to perform a cure, even in the oldest and most delicate people, in carbuncles and boils. It is also of great value in the treatment of scrofulous glands about the neck and throat, especially in suppurating glands after scarlatina. I have made inquiries in some parts of England, Ireland, and Scotland, and I have been amazed to find that the sulphide of calcium is seldom prescribed.—Yours truly,
Coleraine, Ireland. JAMES C. L. CARSON, M.D.

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Transactions of the Obstetrical Society of London. Vol. xxiv, for the year 1882. With a List of Officers, Fellows, etc. London: Longmans, Green and Co. 1883.

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