

THE REGULATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM.

SIR.—In the list recently published in the JOURNAL of the University of Durham examinations in medicine, conducted at Newcastle-on-Tyne, I notice that only three practitioners of the required age and standing in the profession presented themselves as candidates for the M.D. degree.

Since the special examination was first instituted, the number of candidates has never been large; and during the last twelve months, there is a decided falling off, as compared with the two previous years. The regulation which requires all candidates to be above the age of forty, in addition to that of fifteen years' standing as medical practitioners, is vexatious, of no practical good, and operates unfairly upon those gentlemen who have had the misfortune to obtain their qualifications and commence their professional career at an age which brings the fifteen years' service to a conclusion before reaching the required forty years. To them, the question of further waiting may be, and in one case which came under my observation last year has been, of vital importance.

The University has recently reduced the period of residence required of present students to twelve months, and I submit that many practitioners of fifteen years' standing, who are now engaged in the hard and laborious duties of their profession, would gladly avail themselves of the special examination if the clause relating to forty years of age were removed.—I am, sir, yours faithfully,

M.R.C.S.

DR. HARRIS.—There are 1,166 Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons, including 593 who obtained the distinction after examination.

PORTRAIT OF DR. EDWARD JENNER.

SIR.—I have to thank Dr. Bampton for his letter on the above subject in your issue of January 5th. His description of the portrait belonging to the Plymouth Medical Society so entirely agrees with my proof engraving of Dr. Jenner, that there can be no doubt as to its being the original from which it was engraved.

Dr. Bampton says this picture was painted by H. Northcote, R.A., a local artist. I think there must be some mistake here. Surely James Northcote (also a Devonshire artist) was the only R.A. of that name.

The portrait of Jenner in the National Portrait Gallery is inscribed on the frame as by "Northcote;" no initial of Christian name is given, nor are the letters R.A. added; and, strange to say, there is no catalogue whatever of the pictures in this valuable collection, to give any information about them or their painters.—I am, sir, faithfully yours,

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MRS. MAKUNA is referred to vol. ii of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL for 1883, page 706.

MEDICAL SPEAKING TUBE.

SIR.—Connecting tube best made of ordinary gas-pipe, lead, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch will answer, but, better, $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. This tube may be branched to one or more rooms, e.g., into the principal's and assistant's bedrooms, by which principal, assistant, and patient can readily talk together. Mouth-pieces may be bought ready-made, gutta-percha, vulcanite, or wood, with whistles or without, attached to flexible pipe, or fixed to the wall or end of the lead pipe. India-rubber inch piping, covered with cloth and with mouthpiece tied in, is convenient for the bedside, hung over a hook within reach of the bed.—I am, etc.,

E. H. ROE.

Patricroft, January 27th, 1884.

MRS. ROBERTS DUDLEY'S question would more properly take the form of an advertisement.

CORONERS' COURTS AND THE PUBLIC.

F. F.—The coroner's court is an open one, and any British subject has a right to be present at the proceedings; and no one, except by order of the coroner, can refuse admittance to the court. The coroner has power, like any other judge, to order the court to be cleared should he deem it desirable to do so; but he would rarely exercise this power except for some special reason. We should advise "F. F." to acquaint the coroner with the facts mentioned; he, doubtless, being unaware of the conduct of the police-officer.

INDIA desires to be informed what is the best thing to put into a tooth to destroy the nerve. The quantity and mode of application should be mentioned.

TINEA VERSICOLOR.

A MEMBER (Egypt) asks for suggestions as to the treatment of a severe case of tinea versicolor. The patient has had the disease since August 1882, and, at the present time, it extends all over the trunk. He has been treated with sulphurous acid, corrosive sublimate, iodine, and hyposulphite of soda, locally, but as yet with no avail.

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