

NOTES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Our correspondents are reminded that prolixity is a great bar to publication; and, with the constant pressure upon every department of the JOURNAL, brevity of style and conciseness of statement greatly facilitate early publication. We are compelled to return and hold over a great number of communications chiefly by reason of their unnecessary length.

UNDUE PUBLICITY: AN EXPLANATION.

SIR,—I was much pained to see, in your issue of January 23rd, an extract from an Irish country newspaper concerning me, under the heading "Undue Publicity." I emphatically deny having any connection with the original publication. It was, I find, supplied by a well-meaning but injudicious relative from private family letters. It contains obvious errors, and no one regretted its appearance in print more than I.—Faithfully yours,
A. J. SMITH.
Dublin.

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SIR,—I beg to acknowledge the following further subscriptions received towards the above fund: W. Mair, Esq., £2 2s.; Dr. J. Dobson, £1 1s.; J. Hudson, Esq., £1 1s.; Dr. B. G. Heald, £1 1s.; Dr. Cheeswright, £1 1s.; R. N. Brindley, Esq., 10s. 6d.; F. V. Smithson, Esq., 10s. 6d.—I am, sir, yours, etc.,
H. ARTHUR ALLBUTT, M.R.C.P.E., Hon. Sec. Health Defence Fund.
24, Park Square, Leeds.

THE PROFESSIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION AT THE COLLEGE OF PRECEPTORS.

SIR,—I think intending candidates for the above examination should be made aware that, if they fail to satisfy the examiners in one or more subjects, they are rejected for the whole examination, and are not credited for any good work they may have done. The above College does not grant the privilege that has been recommended by the General Medical Council, and adopted by other examination boards, namely, "Candidates who fail in one or more subjects need be re-examined in those subjects only." This is certainly a boon and privilege which cannot but be most acceptable to pupils, teachers, and parents.—I am, yours truly,
A. PARENT.

HOME FOR INCURABLES.

SIR,—In answer to "Nemo," I beg to state that the Bolingbroke Home Hospital, situated on Wandsworth Common, takes in such cases on the payment of a small weekly fee.—I remain, yours faithfully,
Cecil R. C. Lyster, M.R.C.S.
Bolingbroke Home Hospital, Wandsworth Common, S.W.

SIR,—If "Nemo" will write to "B," "The Woodlands," East Hoathly, Hawkhurst, he will find, I think, exactly what he seeks.—Yours truly,
E. GEORGE.

DOCTOR'S GIG.

SIR,—I should be very much obliged if any of your readers who have had practical experience of "Beddoes Moore's doctor's gig" in its most recent form will give me information with regard to it, especially with reference to the following points. Is there any "knee-motion" perceptible with it? and is there any weight on the horse's back going down-hill? Any answers to my queries may be forwarded direct to me, or through the medium of your JOURNAL.—Yours faithfully,
A. DE W. BAKER.
2, Lawn Terrace, Dawlish.

LING'S SWEDISH GYMNASTICS.

SIR,—In reply to "Dr. L. M.'s" question in your issue of January 23rd, respecting Ling's Swedish gymnastics, I can recommend *The Gymnastic Exercises, according to Ling's System*, by Dr. Matthias Roth, published by Joseph Myres and Co., London. This pamphlet gives directions and figures, and the exercises put in function all the muscles in the body without requiring special apparatus.—I am, etc.,
WILLIAM W. IRELAND.
M.A., LL.B.—We see no objection; the words M.D.Brussels.

PURE TEREBENE.

SIR,—In the JOURNAL of January 23rd, a writer, who signs his letter on the above subject with the initials "A. S. G.," practically attributes to me shameful conduct. If "A. S. G." will show, by attaching his name to his attack on me, that he is not ashamed to avow his identity, I shall be prepared to supply him with the elementary information for which he asks, as to the difference between a so-called "patent medicine" and a patented article, as well as to enlighten him on other points on which he appears to be equally ignorant.—Yours truly,
J. Beaufort Buildings, Spa, Gloucester.
FRANCIS T. BOND, M.D.

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