

The statements in that letter are taken almost *verbatim* from the critique I referred to. The remarks appended to my letter as published leave those statements untouched; they refer to a different subject, and thus raise a side issue quite apart from the question in hand. If definite statements are made that admit of being dealt with as if they represented matters of fact, they can be discussed on their merits. But mere abstract expressions do not admit of being so dealt with, and to this category belongs what is adduced in the comments on my letter with reference to "a lamp to lighten the path of the clinician through darkness almost chaotic," and so on.

. Our correspondent is difficult to please. He asked the *cui bono* of experiments on the brain. We gave him some references and facts which we thought might be of use to him in forming a judgment on the matter. We cannot undertake to help him further.

THE RIDDELL FUND.

The following subscriptions have been received.

Amount stated in last week's JOURNAL	£	s.	d.
R. A. Clarke, Esq., Moses Gate, Bolton-le-Moors	..	3	13 0
Arthur E. Stokes, Esq., Welton Wansford	..	0	10 6
Joseph Hinton, Esq., Warminster	..	1	1 0
C. H. Johnson, Esq., Basingstoke	..	0	10 0
H. Stear, Esq., Saffron Walden	..	3	8 0
Nemo, Newcastle-on-Tyne	..	0	10 0
Jas. Somer, Esq., Broad Clyst, Exeter	..	1	1 0
Henry Skelton, M.D., Downend, Bristol	..	1	1 0
F. A. Gray, Esq., Ottery St. Mary, Devon	..	1	1 0
"K." Taunton	..	0	10 6
Amount received by Dr. Woodman, Exeter:			
J. Woodman, M.D. (second donation)	..	1	1 0
J. E. Whidborne, Esq., Dawlish	..	3	0 0
G. Bothwell, M.D., Topham	..	2	2 0
Miss Farmer, Exeter	..	2	0 0
F. Nankivell, M.D., Exeter	..	1	1 0
A. Cumming, F.R.C.S., Exeter	..	1	1 0
J. Ackland, Esq., Exeter	..	1	1 0
G. C. Kingdon, Esq., Exeter	..	1	1 0
"S. H." Exeter	..	1	0 0
H. W. Gould, Esq., Exeter	..	0	10 6
J. T. Tucker, Esq., J.P., Exeter	..	0	10 0
"W. C." Exeter	..	0	2 6
Mark Farrant, Esq., Exeter	..	3	3 0
"S. B." Exeter	..	1	0 0
Friends, Exeter	..	1	0 0
— Pattinson, Esq., Exmouth	..	0	10 0

BRITISH MEDICAL TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

MR. HENRY HORTON (Bromyard) writes: I shall be glad if you will allow me to call attention to a decided misnomer in the advertisement columns of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL for December 18th. I refer to that of the "British Medical Temperance Association," the first condition of membership proving that its correct title would be the "British Medical Total Abstinence Association." I have not a word of complaint against total abstinences as such, but I strongly object to their attempts to appropriate the word "temperance" to themselves, to the exclusion of those who believe that the moderate use of all the good things of the earth is more in accord both with scriptural teaching and the dictates of sound common sense.

CORONERSHIP FOR EAST MIDDLESEX.

DR. FORBES WINSLLOW writes: In consequence of the numerous letters I have received in reference to my apparently sudden retirement from my candidature for this appointment, I would like to say shortly as follows. When I at first entered the field, I was under the impression that there would have been two appointments; but on finding out that this was not the case, I retired in favour of the late deputy, Mr. Collier, who had held the post for nine years. I did so after the meeting of the candidates at the sheriff's office, and on the distinct promise of this gentleman to appoint me as his deputy should he be the successful man. I immediately withdrew from the contest, and the following day my retirement in Mr. Collier's favour was in all the newspapers. Subsequently, Mr. Collier, two days afterwards, himself retired, not being able to bear the expense of an election, and transferred his interest to Mr. Baxter, requesting his supporters to do the same. This course I followed. I may, however, state that it is my intention to contest the other appointment when declared; and to prevent a possibility of clashing with any other medical candidate, I make this announcement in your columns. I may mention that, when I retired, I had issued my address, formed my committee, had influential support, and had I gone to the poll I should not have feared the result.

LEAD-POISONING FROM HOME-MADE WINES.

MR. GEO. G. D. WILLET (Bristol) writes, with reference to the occurrence of lead-poisoning from home-made wines: I have lately had two such cases, one of which, occurring in an old gentleman, aged 79, was the more acute. About seven or eight hours after taking a glass of rhubarb wine with a friend, he was seized with violent purging and vomiting (the vomit tinged with blood), great prostration, and incipient collapse. The treatment I adopted was similar to your correspondent's: Morphine gr. 4, and a copious enemata, followed by a mixture of mag. sulph. and tr. card. co., which gave speedy relief. Inquiry elicited the fact that the wine was made in a glazed pan, and testing with iodide of potassium and acetic acid gave the characteristic reaction of iodide of lead.

"STROLLING DOCTORS."

THE following cutting is forwarded to us from Boston, U.S.A. (*Daily Globe*, October 14th, 1886). It reads like a hoax, but it would be hazardous to assume it to be so.

"Coming to Boston.—The sick treated free of charge. Fourteen doctors of the great English staff of physicians and surgeons, who are travelling in their own Pullman car, will visit the Quincy House, Boston, on the morning of October 18, and will remain until the evening of November 7. As this is their advertising trip, they will charge nothing whatever for their services. The only favor they ask is a recommendation from those they cure. They will return to Boston every three months. They will not take any case to treat without there is a certainty of effecting a cure. If your case is incurable they will

frankly and honorably tell you; also caution you against spending more money for medicine, which travelling impostors usually suggest. Number of cases treated and rejected in the following places, viz., Louisville, Ky., 4,970, of whom 2,165 were rejected; Cincinnati, O., 8,763, of whom 5,360 were rejected; Cleveland, O., 6,578, of whom 3,117 were rejected; Toronto, Can., 2,768, of whom 1,165 were rejected; Montreal, Can., 5,220, of whom 2,480 were rejected. These English specialists have had a vast experience in the army and navy, also in the following hospitals and infirmaries, viz., London, Eng., Liverpool, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dublin, Paris, Belfast, Heidelberg, Hamburg, St. Petersburg, and Stockholm. Office hours, from 9 A.M. to 8 P.M.; Sundays, 10 A.M. to 5 P.M."

COMMUNICATIONS, LETTERS, etc., have been received from:

Mr. J. Shirley Jones, Droitwich; Dr. Wylie, Skipton; Dr. G. Grieco, Foggia, Italy; Secretary Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich; Dr. S. Thomson, Torquay; Mr. T. A. Buck, Ryde; Dr. von Idelson, Berne; Dr. Ogilvie Will, Aberdeen; Mr. R. J. Polden, Calcutta; Mr. H. Horton, Bromyard; Mr. G. H. Younge, Meean Meer, Punjab; Mr. D. de Berdt Hovell, Elstree; Mr. C. J. Fooks, Eastleigh, Bishopstoke; Mr. A. H. Stokes, London; Dr. Gubb, London; Dr. R. Park, Glasgow; Dr. Grimshaw, Carrickmines; Dr. Hunter, Edinburgh; Mr. F. Sutton, Willingham-by-Stow, Gainsborough; Mr. Dunn, London; Dr. Willoughby, London; Mr. C. R. Laurie, Loughton; Mr. A. Jackson, Sheffield; Brigade-Surgeon Dr. Orton, Newcastle-under-Lyme; Honorary Secretary of the Intercolonial Medical Congress, Adelaide; Dr. E. M. Crookshank, London; Dr. J. Irving, Heanor, Derby; Sir C. A. Cameron, Dublin; Mr. A. Napper, Guildford; Mr. J. S. Wood, London; Mr. A. R. Kennedy, Birmingham; Mr. M. Wilson, Doncaster; Dr. Sheard, Putney; Mr. W. F. M. Jackson, Birmingham; Mr. K. Ingleby Mackenzie, Ryde; Mr. Romeike, London; Dr. Forbes Winslow, London; Mr. G. Sturge, London; Surgeon-Major Poole, Upper Norwood; Mr. Hodgson, Brighton; Mr. R. Pollard, Torquay; Mr. S. Hurlbutt, London; Dr. Michie, Cove by Aberdeen; Mr. W. G. Bunn, London; Mr. J. Vesey Fitzgerald, Birmingham; Dr. Wallace, Greenock; Dr. J. B. Pettigrew, St. Andrews; Mr. G. Stillingfleet Johnson, London; Dr. Tatham, Salford; Mr. W. F. Haslam, Birmingham; Our Manchester Correspondent; Mr. Lawson Tait, Birmingham; Dr. Hughes Bennett, London; Dr. W. L. Hunter, Pudsey; Dr. Newman, Stamford; Mr. J. Norton, London; Surgeon Battersby, Dublin; Mr. J. G. Jefferson, Lisburn; Dr. C. F. Knight, Dublin; Dr. E. L. Bey, Paris; Dr. Savage, London; Mr. H. Maturin, Winchfield; Dr. E. O. Daly, Hull; Dr. E. Waters, Chester; Dr. Walker, Peterborough; Mr. A. Hyde Clarke, Moulton; Dr. J. Johnston, Bolton; Mr. A. Devonald, Penarth; Dr. A. H. F. Cameron, Liverpool; Dr. Styrap, Shrewsbury; Dr. H. Gibbs, Hampton Wick; Mr. S. White, Sheffield; Dr. A. T. Myers, London; Mr. L. Hudson, London; Mr. J. K. Kelly, Crosshill; Mr. T. Waddington, Sevenoaks; Mr. M. Pratt, Cardiff; Dr. Rentoul, Liverpool; Mr. J. Taylor, Bristol; Mr. A. T. Stewart, Waterford; Dr. J. G. Lock, Tenby; Mr. J. E. Lane, London; Mr. R. B. Sellers, Rochdale; Mr. J. Boyd, Kingston; Mr. G. F. Masterman, Stourport; Mr. F. E. Pirkie, Nutfield; Dr. W. Pearce, London; Surgeon W. J. Lee, Devonport; Mr. G. H. M. Dunlop, Edinburgh; Mr. R. R. Young, Leicester; Dr. A. Ransome, Manchester; Mr. Wickham Barnes, London; Surgeon-Major J. Murtagh, Plymouth; Dr. Tatham, Salford; Mr. H. W. Pigeon, Hull; Miss Burnes, Ipswich; Mr. E. A. Onyon, Waddington; Messrs. Burgoyne and Co., London; Mr. L. Hill, London; Messrs. W. Wilson and Son, Manchester.

BOOKS, etc., RECEIVED.

Anatomy and Physiology. By Furneaux Jordan, F.R.C.S. London: Kegan Paul, Trench and Co. 1886.

Text-Book of British Fungi. Illustrated by W. Delisle Hay, F.R.G.S. London: Swan Sonnenschein and Co. 1887.

SCALE OF CHARGES FOR ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE "BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL."

Seven lines and under	—	—	—	—	£0 3 6
Each additional line	—	—	—	—	0 0 4
A whole column	—	—	—	—	1 15 0
A page	—	—	—	—	5 0 0

An average line contains seven words.

When a series of insertions of the same advertisement is ordered, a discount is made on the above scale in the following proportions, beyond which no reduction can be allowed.

For 6 insertions, a deduction of	—	—	—	10 per cent.
" 12 or 18 "	—	—	—	20 "
" 26 "	—	—	—	25 "
" 52 "	—	—	—	30 "

For these terms, the series must, in each case, be completed within twelve months from the date of first insertion.

Advertisements should be delivered, addressed to the Manager, at the Office, not later than noon on the Wednesday preceding publication; and, if not paid for at the time, should be accompanied by a reference.

Post-Office Orders should be made payable to the British Medical Association, at the West Central Post-Office, High Holborn. Small amounts may be paid in postage-stamps.