

### QUERIES.

**Will any member kindly inform A. B. of the climatic influence of Grenoble in chest diseases, more especially asthma?**

THE ROYAL MEDICAL BENEVOLENT COLLEGE, EPSOM.

A. M. B. M. A. asks for information of the above College from members of the profession; some time ago it was, he believes, under a cloud; this has been, he hopes, removed. He wishes to place two sons in the school if it can compare favourably with our other public schools, having a strong feeling that he ought, as a member of the profession, to give it support.

## JUVENILE INCONTINENCE.

MEMBER: has a case of "juvenile incontinence" in a boy, aged 14 years, after measles six years ago. There are no worms, stone, or urethral mischief; belladonna has been pushed and made matters worse. Will any member kindly suggest treatment?

### TREATMENT OF NEURASTHENIA.

**M.D. asks whether there are any institutions which take cases of neurasthenia to undergo the Weir-Mitchell treatment?**

## ANSWERS.

**A.**—You might certainly offer a fee, and, if declined, make a present of corresponding value.

**B. M. O.**—We cannot profess regret that the examiners maintain an adequate standard for the final examination, and act upon it, though we sympathise with our correspondent's disappointment. It is a common delusion with gentlemen who fail at examinations that "just one question" proved fatal to them. Such an impression is soothing, but rarely well founded.

### CLIMATE FOR CARDIAC AND RENAL DISEASE.

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DR. JOHN LUCAS (Ramsgate) writes : In reference to the inquiry by Mr. Norman Walker, M.B., in the JOURNAL of March 12th, it is of paramount moment in recommending a patient suffering from valvular disease of the heart, complicated with chronic Bright's disease, a change of air, to bear in mind the dangers which attend even the comparative extremes of climate which exercise a prejudicial influence on the lungs and kidneys. Great care must be enjoined by the physician in the prevention of pulmonary and renal mischief. The tonic effects of a change to the seaside would be more than militated against. On the south coast of England, I believe, no place is better suited than Bournemouth, which is well sheltered and favourably situated as regards even temperature, warmth, sunshine, picturesque scenery, nice gardens for general exercise, either on foot, Bath chairs, or carriage drives. The climate there is, *par excellence*, bracing, tempered by a mild and even temperature, moderately dry, permitting of outdoor recreations, which form the suitable features in such cases. There is ample amusement to be found in the place and neighbourhood.

### TREATMENT OF CORNS.

DR. MARTIN F. BUSH recommends "Chirops" to use salicylic acid and collodium applied with a camel hair brush to the inner side twice a day.

**NOTES, LETTERS, ETC.**

## THE EPIDEMIC OF DIARRHŒA.

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MR. M. I. FINUCANE (Northwich, Cheshire), writes : The prevalence of diarrhœa seems not to be confined to London. For the last three weeks there has been quite an epidemic in this neighbourhood. The attacks appear to come on very suddenly, with "twisting" pains all over the abdomen, and vomiting, the stools being of a particularly watery character. In nearly every case there has been a rise of temperature, in one case to 103°, but the pyrexia only lasted for two or three days, the other symptoms continuing. In one case (that of a servant girl), she returned from her situation with intense diarrhœa, vomiting, and pain, the number of stools in one day being twelve. Her mother, who nursed her for two days, suffered similarly; and the husband, who attended on mother and daughter, was then attacked. The stools in these three cases were very offensive. There was pyrexia in all, with great prostration. The internal administration of permanganate of potash, in three-grain doses, subsequently increased to five grains, with hot applications over the abdomen, and careful regulation of diet in ten cases, never failed to stop it. Other remedies, such as opium, etc., seemed of no avail. Inquiry failed to elicit any cause, in the majority of cases, for the attack; but the above case seemed to me to point to the infectiousness of the emanations from the stools.

Dr. A. D. ROE (Wandsworth) writes :—There have certainly been an unusual number of cases of diarrhoea in this district; I have treated a large number in my own practice, and have heard of many others. It appeared to be most prevalent about the middle of January, and, in the cases I attended, seemed to have arisen through sudden variations in temperature. In many the stools were light in colour, and the diarrhoea yielded best to small frequent doses of hydrarg. c. creta.

DR. J. F. SYKES, medical officer of health, writes: There is no epidemic of diarrhoea in St. Pancras. The inquiries made amongst medical men and also amongst milk purveyors elicit the fact that there has been here and there a case of diarrhoea, but nothing beyond what catarrh or errors of diet would account for.

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