

THE TITLE OF DR.

HONESTAS writes: Your reply to "Anxious One," in the JOURNAL of February 11th, that the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh has always discouraged its Members and Licentiates from using the title of Dr. is quite erroneous.

In 1865, Dr. Grace, of Thornbury, wrote to the Secretary of the College, asking for information on this subject. The official reply was that "he was (as a Licentiate) legally entitled (by the charter) to call himself doctor, and to add the prefix on his door-plate, etc." (see the JOURNAL, February 7th, 1885). This secretary was the distinguished Rutherford Haldane, afterwards a member of the General Medical Council.

At the present time the College undoubtedly discourages the assumption of any other title than that of physician by its Licentiates, but this does not alter the fact that for many years it gave candidates to understand that the licence carried with it a right to the title of Dr., and in all official communications this prefix was used.

I hope all old Licentiates and Members will make a note of the law as laid down by the College in their letter to Dr. Grace.

A SOCIETY FOR SUPPLYING CLOTHES TO CHILDREN IN HOSPITALS.

MRS. H. GOODWIN STEPHENSON, Honorary Secretary of the Society for Making Clothes for the Sick Children in London Hospitals, will be glad to receive applications for membership, and to supply rules, patterns, and all further particulars on receipt of two stamps and a letter addressed to her at 26, Dorset Square. There are now over 1,000 members of the society, and parcels of clothes are sent monthly to twenty-five institutions in turn. Each member is required to supply four garments yearly, and to provide her own materials, but no subscription is asked for. The clothes are much valued by the various hospitals.

WOMEN AS PHARMACISTS.

MRS. ISABELLA S. CLARK KEER, herself a pharmaceutical chemist, recommends pharmacy as an employment for women, in an interesting paper on the subject in *Atalanta* for this month. There are at present ten women pharmacists on the registry of the Pharmaceutical Society, of whom four are in business, three in England and one in Wales; of the others, some hold appointments in hospitals and dispensaries, and one or two give private lessons in pharmacy.

CARRIAGES FOR REMOVING INVALIDS.

MESSRS. H. and J. RADING, 14 and 15, Riding House Street, Langham Place, London, write: We notice in the JOURNAL of February 18th an illustrated article from Mr. Richard Davy, of the Westminster Hospital, in the last paragraph of which he states "that until lately no regard has been given to the removal of an invalid," we may beg leave to mention, as must be known to most of your readers, that for the last fifty years our invalid's cot carriages have been used for that purpose, and with such gratifying results that not one single complaint of an injury done to an invalid during transit has been made, among the thousands we have moved to all parts of England, Ireland, Scotland, and to the Continent.

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IDIOSYNCRASY TO QUININE.

H. G. H. writes: A patient who consulted me the other day after I had prescribed for him suddenly asked me if I had ordered him "quinine" in any form or other, and on informing him that I had not, I asked him the reason. "Why? well," he said, "I really cannot take it. I have tried it several times, and every time it produces the same effect," namely, intolerable itching all over the body, but more particularly the hands, between the fingers, which lasts for about two or three hours. The first time he tried it was about nine years ago, with the same result then as now, and every time that he takes it (unaware, of course, as he will otherwise not take it upon any account) he has this most fearful itching of which he complained. In all "Therapeutics," articles upon quinine, etc., that I have read, I have not seen this mentioned. I wanted him to try a dose or two, with the intention of combining it with some liquor arsenicalis, as a preventive to this most intense itching; but nothing would induce him to try it, although he said he wished so much to be able to take quinine.

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