

ing he awoke on the third day, but could give no account of himself, except that he took a large dose of tobacco before he went to sleep.

#### A RUN THROUGH THE WINTER HAVENS OF THE RIVIERA.

DR. EDWARD HAUGHTON (Upper Norwood, S.E.) writes: Having this winter paid a visit to the health resorts of the Riviera during the months of January, February, and March, I had an unusual opportunity of comparing the various stations with one another, paying special regard to the amount of shelter which they afford to the invalid and to their general sanitary condition. Beginning with Genoa, I went first to Nervi, a station half an hour to the east of that city, and found it rejoicing in semitropical vegetation, including flourishing lemon, orange, eucalyptus, and aloe trees, for I suppose I cannot deny the latter title to a plant 20 feet high. Indeed, the aloe grows all along the coast freely, even in places not making any pretensions to affording real shelter to the invalid. During the earlier part of my journey, however I suffered considerably from cold, as only the main lines are provided with hot water cans in the railway carriages, and the hotels in no one locality were sufficiently provided with good fires or caloriferes; and it was not until I reached Montreux on my way home that I experienced the true benefits of civilisation combined with the protection of overhanging hills. I must not be understood to say that the recognised health stations are wrongly described as "winter havens of the sunny South." On the contrary, I am bound to declare my profound conviction that the worst of these stations possesses on the whole a better climate than the best that can be had in Great Britain or Ireland, unless it be the sheltered station of Glengariff, near Bantry, on the south-west coast of Ireland. This latter, I am ashamed to say, I have never seen, although there can be no doubt of the mildness of its climate, and Thackeray declares that "no pen can give an idea of the magnificence of its scenery."

Beyond Nervi, still further to the east, that is, an hour by rail from Genoa on the Riviera di Levante, is the beautiful little town of Rapallo, nestling among olive-covered hills, and where the lemon also grows freely. This is the most charming of all the stations for the good pedestrian; but it has the disadvantage of a tunnel, seven minutes by rail, just before entering it, as well as the neighbouring town of Santa Margherita. If an increased amount of accommodation could be provided for strangers, and an Evangelical ministry adapted for those who do not happen to be Churchmen, this station would probably soon rival some of the larger towns which are now crowded with English visitors. Unfortunately, it is impossible to make just comparisons without wounding the susceptibilities of places which live by the influx of strangers; but, as I am an admirer of the whole of this highly-favoured region, I must be pardoned if I give my impressions just as they struck me at the time of my visit.

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DRS. R. CATON (31, Rodney Street, Liverpool), and W. T. SHEPPARD (64, Durning Road, Liverpool) write: Will you allow us to appeal to the charity of our profession on behalf of the widow of the late J. J. Luce, M.D., M.R.C.S.? After a long and successful professional career at Wincanton, Glastonbury, and finally at Stratford-on-Avon, Dr. Luce retired from private practice three or four years ago, and was appointed Resident Physician to the Seaford House Hydropathic Establishment. Unfortunately he was induced to invest several thousand pounds which he had saved in that institution. The company soon after this became insolvent, and Dr. Luce lost the whole of his invested funds, and was never even paid his salary. About the same time, most unfortunately, he was involved in a lawsuit, the expenses of which swept away the remains of his capital. He was thus reduced from a very comfortable position to penury when near the age of 70. He died on April 13th. His widow has only an annuity of from £12 to £18 per annum, and her only relative is an aged aunt, herself in narrow circumstances. She is at present greatly in need of assistance. We append a list of subscriptions already paid or promised.

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