

QUERIES.

PRACTICE IN AUSTRALIA.

M. is anxious to ascertain the prospect for an experienced medical man (middle-aged) in the Australian colonies.

POISON CHART.

J. H. asks: Can any member recommend a good and cheap chart of "poisons and their antidotes," for hanging in a surgery?

ANSWERS.

NUNQUAM.—It would be quite contrary to professional rule to do so.

ADVERTISEMENT.—The circular in question should be sent to the College to which the gentleman belongs, and the result of the correspondence communicated to us.

ESERINE.

DR. GEORGE F. DUFFEY (Dublin) writes: In reply to the queries of your correspondent "D." (1) the name "eserine" was given in 1865, by Vée and Leven, to a crystalline alkaloid, obtained by them from the seeds of the physostigma venosum; and (2) first described in the *Comptes-Rendus*, 60, 1194; (3) the derivation of the word is from the name "eséré," by which the seeds were known to the natives of Old Calabar.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MIDWIVES.

M.R.C.S. wishes to be informed of the usual course to be pursued by a respectable person wishing to obtain a proper qualification as a midwife.

*The Obstetrical Society of London awards certificates to midwives after due examination. For official information apply to the Librarian of the Society, 54, Berners Street, Oxford Street, W.

BLIND ASYLUMS.

M.D. asks whether there is any home or asylum for the blind which would admit a domestic servant, aged 21, who had an attack resembling meningitis three months ago, during which she rapidly lost her sight completely. She has recovered from the attack, and is now in fair health, but there is no improvement in vision whatever. An eminent specialist, who has examined her eyes, has little or no hope of her recovery.

*Application might be made to the Association for Promoting the General Welfare of the Blind, 28, Berners Street; or to the British and Foreign Blind Association (Secretary, T. R. Armitage, 33, Cambridge Square, W.). Further information may be obtained from Fry's *London Charities*, published at 3, St. Martin's Place, Trafalgar Square.

NOTES, LETTERS, ETC.

BAYFIELD DEFENCE FUND.

MR. E. BELLAMY (17, Wimpole Street) writes: Please place the following additional subscriptions to the Bayfield Defence Fund:—

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H. M. M.	1	0
Dr. Tandy, Cedars Road, Clapham	1	0

THE LUCE FUND.

	£	s.	d.
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Mr. R. Harrison	1	0
Mr. Robert Jones	1	0

Further donations in aid of Mrs. Luce will be gratefully received by Dr. SHEPPARD, 61, Durning Road, Liverpool, or by Dr. CATON, 31, Rodney Street, Liverpool.

AN APPEAL.

We desire again to call attention to the appeal printed on April 14th, to enable a medical man of good position, who has been reduced to absolute destitution through no fault of his own, to buy a small practice, and make a living for himself and wife. Contributions towards the purchase money will be received by Dr. Farquharson, M.P., Migvie Lodge, Porchester Gardens, W. Among the names of contributors already announced appear Sir William Jenner, Sir James Paget, Sir Joseph Lister, Sir Andrew Clark, Sir Prescott Hewitt, Sir Spencer Wells, Sir Henry Thompson, Dr. Broadbent, Mr. Thomas Smith, and Dr. Hare. (see pages 817 and 944), but the amount received is still inadequate for the purpose in view.

THE CLIFTON LUNACY CASE.

MESSERS. J. MICHELL CLARKE and W. H. HARSANT write: May we once again trespass on your kindness to acknowledge the following donations to the Marshall and Shaw Fund, which have been received during the last few days?

The list is now closed, and the total amount received is £376 3s. 6d., which sum, minus a small amount for expenses, has been handed to the two gentlemen. The legal expenses have amounted to upwards of £600, but the exact sum is not yet known.

We take this opportunity of thanking all subscribers to the fund for the ready way in which they have responded to our appeal, and we also especially thank the Editor of the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL*, for giving such valuable publicity to the subscription lists.

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Spencer, W. H., M.D. (St. Leonard's) ...	2	2	0
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Total ...	376	3	6

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