

all his teeth had loosened and been removed. Heredity plays a conspicuous part in dental caries, and, so far as my experience goes, tea has nothing whatever to do with the degeneration of teeth. One gentleman, aged 40, with teeth complete in both upper and lower jaws, and all sound, attributes his exemption from dentalgia to the continuous chewing of tobacco from boyhood. He drank tea freely, but rigidly abstained from alcoholic liquors.

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DR. BURKE'S REPRIEVE.

THE REV. H. M. KENNEDY (Plumpton Vicarage, Cumberland) writes: Why was Dr. Burke reprieved? It is due both to the Home Secretary and the general public that the facts of the case should be accurately and more fully known. From what transpired at the Leeds Assizes, no one not otherwise informed could entertain any doubt as to actual guilt or real responsibility. But had witnesses for the defence been called, two things could have been proved at the assizes, which have since the trial been clearly stated to the Home Secretary:

1. That Dr. Burke had previous to February 4th attempted self-destruction, and had to the knowledge of several people been brooding over the insane idea of suicide for many weeks before his last and nearly fatal attempt.

2. That the only evidence as to how the shots were fired was that of a constable, who, if the statements made by others also on the spot be true, could not have carried the weight that his sole statement did with the judge and jury at Leeds.

It should be known that in the report of the inquest given in the local paper, the *Barnsley Chronicle* of February 11th, there are thirteen distinct assertions recorded on the part of the first witness examined, all going to show that no one entered the room of death till both shots were fired; and that twice before the constable gave evidence the coroner is reported to have said to his jury that the constable's conduct was not for them to consider, but that it should be the subject of a subsequent inquiry.

A MODEST CANDIDATE.

MISS FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE TOMES, L.K.Q.C.P.I. and L.R.C.S.I. (London School of Medicine for Women) writes: I regret to see my name in connection with a statement, likely to lead to some misapprehension, which appeared in the JOURNAL of May 12th, in reference to the late conjoint examination in Dublin. The examination being a purely pass examination there is no question of competition, and all the candidates who satisfy the examiners stand on an equal footing.

STROPHANTHUS IN MITRAL DISEASE, WITH ŒDEMA.

MR. JOHN POWELL (Blyton House, Weybridge) writes: The following case of most marked œdema of the extremities and trunk, together with slight albuminuria, due to mitral regurgitation following chorea, in which the former symptoms were treated by strophanthus, may be of interest.

M.S., aged 14, having suffered from the œdema and some dyspnoea for three weeks, and deriving no benefit from tinct. digitalis. I ordered tinct. strophanthi (m. 5 ter die), and at the same time made an incision of half an inch over each external malleolus (as recommended by Ringer). The result was most gratifying; the œdema totally disappeared, there was copious discharge from the incisions, and marked diuresis. The girl is now out and taking long walks, and since September last, when the amelioration took place, has only had one slight attack of œdema, which quickly yielded to the same doses.

OBTAINING LYMPH WITHOUT PUNCTURING.

MR. RICHARD BEVAN (Lydd) writes: In the following case may be found some evidence that vaseline may be used as a substitute for glycerine.

I revaccinated an adult in four places, all of which took. On the seventh day, the arm becoming inflamed and painful, he was advised by a friend to apply a little vaseline; this he did by rubbing it into and around the vesicles. Having a little crack or scratch at the corner of the nose, he thoughtlessly rubbed a little of the vaseline into this, direct from the arm. On inspection on the eighth day the vesicles were full and uninjured. In the course of a few days I was requested to see him on account of a very inflamed nose; this developed into a well-formed vesicle, partly outside and partly inside the left ala, running a definite course, and finally, after much pain, discomfort, and swelling, subsiding.

It was only after much inquiry that the above explanation was extracted, but there can hardly be a doubt that the vaseline acted as the vehicle under the same circumstances as those related by Drs. Grigg and Molony, namely, friction.

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