

ANON writes: With reference to Dr. Halton's case, noticed in the JOURNAL, p. 695, where the vaccine pustule was late in appearing, many similar cases, ranging from two months to fourteen years, are recorded in Section 87:6 of the *Medical Digest*, and in the JOURNAL of November and December, 1885, pp. 1017 and 1112.

THE TITLE OF DOCTOR.

G. D. M. desires to call attention to the fact that a case was submitted to the Attorney-General in 1861, as to whether the Licentiates of King and Queen's College in Ireland, as such, were entitled to the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and to use the abbreviations or initial letters M.D. after their names. The following was his opinion: "I think the Licentiates and Fellows, as such, of the King and Queen's College of Physicians, are entitled to the degree and title of Doctors in Medicine, and to use the letters M.D. after their names. (Signed) R. Deasy."

I should have thought, adds G. D. M., that there was little need for so high a legal opinion, when the Charter of the College plainly states that the Licentiates and Fellows are "entitled to the rank, title and degree of Doctors of Physic."

With regard to the rights of the Licentiates of the other Colleges of Physicians, I think they are certainly entitled to the prefix of "Doctor," by courtesy, just as the master of a merchant ship is always styled "captain," but unless they can point out some similar clause in the charters of their Colleges, they have not the same legal claim to the title as Licentiates of the King and Queen's College of Physicians.

CAUSES OF DEFECTIVE VISION: EVENING CLASSES OR SMOKING.

R. M. writes: The writer of the article on Evening Classes and Short-sightedness, sounds a note of timely warning in reference to the lighting and kind of desks used in evening schools. But when he seeks to attribute, by implication, the prevalence of defective vision amongst the Germans to attendance at night classes, does he not shoot greatly wide of the mark? Is it not far more likely that the prevalence of myopia in the children is chiefly attributable to the inveterate habit of smoking by the male parent? I would ask, which would be the most likely to contribute to defective vision, boys attending well lighted, well ventilated and properly fitted night schools, or allowing them to devote their evening leisure to smoking, drinking, betting, and similar practices? It is certain that where lads are left to themselves, they will vie with each other in vicious practices of one kind or another. It is perhaps only fair to Mr. S. Smith and the gentlemen associated with him, that it should be remembered that he proposes the common course of seeing that boys and girls on leaving the day school, shall attend evening classes three or four times a week, so that instead of being allowed, as at present, to speedily forget all the good they have acquired, and to learn on roaming the streets all evil possible, they shall not only keep up and advance their knowledge, by learning something about hygiene, and domestic economy, but on one or two nights per week they shall be given a certain amount of physical training in well appointed gymnasia. Further, that every youth shall receive some scientific and literary training, which shall not only make them more intelligent, but shall imbue them with tastes, and furnish them with resources in their leisure hours during manhood which shall raise them above the low and degrading pleasures in which they now too frequently indulge.

A CASE OF PERIPHERAL NEURITIS: A CORRECTION.

MR. F. ROWLAND HUMPHREYS (Queen's Crescent, Haverstock Hill, N.W.) writes: I desire to correct an inaccuracy in the report of a case of Peripheral Neuritis, shown by me to the Hunterian Society, and published in the JOURNAL of March 9th. The abdominal reflexes were greatly increased in the first week, absent in the fourth. The knee-jerk and ankle-clonus absent throughout.

ERRATA.—In line 4 of the Query under the head "Was Catheterism responsible," in the JOURNAL of March 30th, for "10 p.c." read "5th p.c."—In the JOURNAL of March 30th, p. 715, under the heading "Epidemiological Society," papers by Dr. Louis Parkes and Dr. Henry Tomkins, were erroneously said to have been read at a meeting of that Society held on March 8th. They were read at a meeting of the Society of Medical Officers of Health, held on that date, under the presidency of Dr. W. H. Corfield.

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