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MICROBE asks why an "Army Doctor" should be so persistent in trying to act as a civil practitioner, and why some of them (as in his case) have tried to oppose him on every ground, and even contract for clubs, etc.?

TREATMENT OF CYSTITIS.

DR. G. R. GILRUTH (Edinburgh) writes: In the *JOURNAL* of February 8th "T.M.R." extols the effects of copaiba in this somewhat intractable disease. One thing is certain, however, and that is, it cannot be looked on as a specific in cystitis. A few weeks ago an opportunity was afforded of watching the effects of this drug. No doubt the patient expressed the opinion that he felt better whilst taking it; but it neither improved the condition of the urine nor enabled the patient to retain his water longer than about half an hour at a time, and it brought out a very copious eruption. The liq. potass. and tinct. hyos. enabled him to retain his urine for about two hours. Washing out the bladder with a largely diluted solution of carbolic acid has a good effect in these cases.

CLINICAL TEACHING IN DUBLIN.

MR. W. GEM, L.K.Q.C.P. (City of London Infirmary) writes: I know from experience that notes are taken in the Dublin hospitals, and if a man wants them he can get them; but it is too much trouble for some students to avail themselves of such notes on account of the time it entails, which is nevertheless time well spent. Such an unwarrantable statement without proof only shows you the hardships Irish graduates and diplomates have to contend with simply through unfounded statements made by their own members. I have had experience of both countries, and as an Englishman I consider the clinical teaching given in Dublin is quite equal to London. I believe in reformation but not destruction, and not do, as "Irish Surgeon" would, condemn the Dublin Hospitals *in toto*.

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