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#### LARGE FAMILIES.

THE offer of the Canadian Legislature of 100 acres of land to each possessor of eleven or more children is bringing forward a great number of claimants. Among them is a Madame Poirier. This lady has just given birth to her twenty-first child. She is only 39 years old, and married at the age of 15 years. At the age of 17 she was already the mother of three children, having had twins, an event which has happened thrice in that family. Madame Poirier is nevertheless very strong and healthy.

#### DIAMONDS AND DOCTORS.

ANY young medical practitioner, says the *Daily News*, who, because the population of the Cape diamond fields is large and believed to be generous, imagines that he might find here a good field for his talents, will do well to listen to Mr. John Drummond, of Styal, Cheshire.

Mr. Drummond, who has lately surveyed Kimberley with a professional eye, tells us that about two-thirds of the population of that district are medically provided for by contract, and a new settler can only hope to pick up his patients from the remaining third, amongst whom he will find Malays, Dutch, Hottentots, Chinese, Indian Coolies, and Kaffirs, who are very much readier to summon a doctor than to pay for his services. The eight thousand or so natives engaged on the diamond fields sign contracts for three months, during which they are, for perfectly intelligible reasons, forbidden to leave the camp. The excuse that they want to see the doctor would be met at once with the information that there is a hospital within the camp, with a medical attendant paid according to the number of Kaffirs under his charge. On the other hand, the white employees are associated in benefit societies which provide for the sick.

#### THE TREATMENT OF INFLUENZA.

DR. G. E. J. GREENE (Ferns) writes: From my experience in the therapeutics of influenza gained in the treatment of 204 cases between December 28th and February 28th, I can fully endorse the opinions expressed by Drs. Illingworth and Hanbury Frere as to the danger of using antipyrin and its congeners indiscriminately in influenza (universally acknowledged to be a very depressing affection). I am happy to say I did not lose a single patient from the epidemic or its sequelae, and I used very little medicine, and that of the simplest description, and only when complications existed; not a grain of antipyrin or of any of its allies was administered by me. I relied principally on strict hygienic and dietetic measures, and I think the results obtained sufficiently justify the course adopted.

Antipyrin does undoubtedly relieve the accompanying headache and neuralgias, but not infrequently it hastens, if it does not actually cause, death; as some cases which have come to my knowledge lead me to believe.

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