

A. T.—Discussion of the Road murder at the present moment is, in our opinion, very inappropriate.

TREATMENT OF HOOPING-COUGH BY INHALATION OF GAS.—SIR: I am informed that in France they think they have found a cure for hooping-cough, by sending the patient to a gas-house, and living in one of the apartments. Can you inform me, in your Notices to Correspondents, whether there is any truth in this.

I am, etc., W. KING, M.D. Cantab.

28, Montpellier Road, Brighton, May 29th, 1865.

[Our correspondent will find in the JOURNAL during the last six months several references to and descriptions of the good effects said to be produced in France by the treatment alluded to. We have heard that the treatment has also been successfully employed in this country. EDITOR.]

THE ARMY AND NAVY REPORT.—SIR: There are many medical officers of the army anxious to see the Report of the Committee of the Royal College of Physicians of London, which kindly undertook an investigation of their grievances. It is stated that the report has been printed, but only for private distribution. Surely, however, its publication would be an advantage to every one interested in the welfare of the medical profession in the public service. If the report contains errors, those errors would be certainly exposed by publicity: if it only contains statements which are founded in truth, their veracity would be established by the same means, in spite of interested contradiction.

I am, etc.,

AN ARMY SURGEON.

[The report, unfortunately, was issued confidentially, and only to the Fellows of the College. EDITOR.]

POOR-LAW MEDICAL RELIEF.—SIR: I shall feel obliged by your giving insertion to the accompanying resolutions of the Southampton Board of Guardians, as they may be useful to the Poor-law medical officers, and act as a guide for other unions.

If the medical officers of those unions where the guardians have come to a decision on the question of "cod-liver oil and expensive medicines", will communicate the result, either publicly through the medium of your JOURNAL, or privately to me, it will enable us to shape our proceedings accordingly.

I am, etc.,

RICHARD GRIFFIN.

12, Royal Terrace, Weymouth, May 27th, 1865.

Southampton Board of Guardians. At a meeting of this Board, held on May 17th, 1865, the following report was made.

A Dispensary for the Poorhouse. The General Purposes Committee, who were requested to confer with the medical officers, reported that they met on Friday, when there were present Messrs. Aldridge, D.P., Payne, Ellis, Walden, Barling, and Mosley, and Messrs. Cheesman, Bencraft, and Griffin, medical officers. Having duly conferred with the three medical officers on the subject, and ascertained their views with regard to the supply of the whole of the medicines to the sick poor, they resolved unanimously to report to the guardians:

1. That a Dispensary be opened at Gower House, part of the workhouse premises, for the supply of the whole of the medicines required for the sick poor, attended by their medical officers as parish patients.

2. That a dispenser be employed and paid by the guardians, whose whole time shall be devoted to the duties of dispensing such prescriptions as shall be sent to him by the medical officers.

3. That the dispensary be fitted up with the requisite shelves, fixtures, and appurtenances, at the expense of the guardians.

4. That the medical officers shall contribute towards the expenses of carrying on the Dispensary the sum of £100 per annum, in such proportions as they may arrange among themselves, which proportions should be deducted from the present amount of their salaries. (Their present salaries amount to £570.)

5. The Committee strongly recommend the establishment of a Dispensary as, in their opinion, certain to prove most beneficial in its operations to the poor sick persons who are compelled to apply for medical relief.

They believe that the additional expenditure which it will necessarily occasion will be in a great measure lessened by the more rapid cure of patients, which will be occasioned by the administration of cod-liver oil, quinine, and other expensive medicines, which cannot be given at present by the medical officers as often as is desirable.

On the motion of Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Walden, the report was adopted *nem. con.*

In the *Lancet* of May 20th, a Dispensary Medical Officer says:—"I use here some very good Norwegian cod-liver oil at 8s. 6d. per gallon, which I have tested, and found to be a good fish oil, and I have not had a single complaint from any patient about its taste, etc.; but they say it is as nice an oil as they have ever had. At the Brompton Consumption Hospital, they only pay 6s. 6d. per gallon for this oil, and the class of patients treated there have tender enough stomachs."

F. T.—The Medical Council, no doubt, proposed to put a clause in the Medical Act Amendment Bill to make the use of the *British Pharmacopœia* compulsory on druggists; but they can hardly expect to be obeyed until they have issued a satisfactory *Pharmacopœia*.

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T. WATKIN WILLIAMS, *General Secretary.*

Birmingham, June 1865.

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from:—Mr. THOMAS MARTIN; Dr. SIEVEKING; Dr. EARLE; Mr. RHODES; Mr. RICHARD GRIFFIN; Mr. F. C. HOWARD; THE HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SOCIETY; Dr. P. LESLIE; Dr. HERAPATH; Mr. BLEECK; Dr. SINCLAIR; Dr. STALLARD; Mr. FREDERICK MASON; Mr. STONE; Dr. W. DAVIS; THE HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE OBSTETRICAL SOCIETY; Mr. A. G. OSBORN; Dr. GEORGE JOHNSON; Dr. ELLISTON; and Dr. JAMES RUSSELL.

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