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LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS.

DR. OLIVER C. M. DAVIS was called to the Bar on June 12th by the Middle Temple.

THE proceeds of the Old English Garden Fête, which was held at the Royal Botanic Gardens on June 13th to 15th, have this year been donated to the Thank-offering Fund. Also to be devoted to the Fund are the profits from the sale of the reproduction of His Majesty's Message to his People, prepared by Messrs. Raphael Tuck, and now generally obtainable.

A VALUABLE article by Miss S. F. Cox and Dr. F. G. Spear on the radiological work of the Strangeways Research Laboratory, Cambridge, embodying accounts both of past work and investigations now in progress, is published in the May issue of the British Journal of Radiology.

SCHOLARS, medalists, and prizemen of University College, London, will be received on Thursday, July 4th, at 3 p.m., by Sir Walter Morley Fletcher, secretary of the Medical Research Council, who will afterwards address the Assembly. The new auatomy and physiology building (the gift of the Rockefeller Foundation), together with the museums and laboratories, and Sir Flinders Petrie's exhibition of recent discoveries of the British School of Archaeology in Egypt, will be open to inspection from 4.30 to 7 p.m.

A LARGE attendance of delegates from local authorities and voluntary child welfare institutions throughout the British Isles, and of Government representatives from the overseas Dominions, is expected at the fifth English speaking conference on maternity and child welfare, to be held at the Friends House, Euston Road, N.W.1, from July 2nd to 4th. The maternity and child welfare group of the Society of Medical Officers of Health, in co-operation with the Fellowship of Medicine, has organized, in connexion with the conference, a short post-graduate course, of which full particulars will be forwarded to medical practitioners on application to the honorary secretary, National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality, Carnegie House, 117, Piccadilly, W.1.

THE third venereological congress of the Union of Soviet Republics will be held at Leningrad from July 1st to 7th, when the following subjects will be discussed: incidence and control of venereal disease in urban and rural districts, syphilis and constitution, congenital syphilis, dermatomycosis, complications of arsenical treatment, and control of gonorrhoea.

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QUERIES AND ANSWERS.

DIATHERMY OF THE TONSILS.

DR. M. Y. PAGET (Ware, Herts) writes for details of the removal of the tousils by diathermy (a method which he understands is used in America and France), and for information about the advantages this method may have over that of surgical operation.

UMBILICAL DISCHARGE. Mr. A. P. BERTWISTLE, F.R.C.S.Ed. (London, W.), writes: In reply to "W. D.'s" query (June 15th, p. 1104) I would suggest that, the point of exit of the discharge having been identified, lipiodol be injected into the sinus. If, on radiographing, the fluid is found passing downwards towards or even into the bladder the condition is probably due to a urachal vestige. There is a remote possibility of it being allautoic in origin, however. The only method of treatment is complete excision of the treat life to work left in the property of the property of the treatment. of the track. If a trace is left in any of these congenital sinuses—for example, cervical or thyroglossal—the whole recurs.

LETTERS, NOTES, ETC.

ABOLITION OF FRENCH VACCINATION REGULATIONS.

THE Director of the Office Français du Tourisme, 56, Haymarket, S.W.1, writes: Some time ago you published information concerning the vaccination regulations which were in force in Irance; these were, however, cancelled on June 4th. In view of the numerous inquiries which still reach us on this matter, I should be much obliged if you would kindly inform your readers that no vaccination certificates or "passeports sanitaires" are new required when landing in France from the British Island. are now required when lauding in France from the British Isles.

VACATION EMPLOYMENT FOR UNDERGRADUATES.

MR. RALPH NUNN MAY, B.Sc., Secretary of the National Union of extension of facilities for university education in England has produced a phenomenon strange to us but familiar enough in the United States and Canada, and not unknown even in Scotland. In America it is common for men and women undergraduates to spend their vacations in some form of paid occupation enabling them to earn their keep during the summer mouths. In England this has been practically unknown, except for the few senior scholars who have coached the sons of the well-to-do for school or university examinations. There is a limit to the number of wealthy parents auxious for the mental attainments of their children, and the opportunities for private coaching, never very great, are now quite inadequate to absorb the number of undergraduates from the old and the modern universities who come very often from lower-middle or working. the number of undergraduates from the old and the modern universities, who come very often from lower-middle or working-class homes, and who are auxious both to gain experience and to earn a living wage during July, August, and September. Applications are now reaching us from undergraduates all over the country who wish to find such temporary employment. But in a country where this is not traditional, where are we to find the firms or persons who will offer them posts or consider their employment during a seasonal rush period? Generally they are willing to do almost any kind of work—as labourers, shop assistants, waiters or waitresses, governesses, and so on. Some of the senior science students might be capable of acting as works chemists or physicists to replace staff on holiday. There is obviously a great number of ways in which they might usefully be employed to their own advantage, and possibly also to the be employed to their own advantage, and possibly also to the ultimate advantage of industry. We have every desire to avoid the displacement in any way of normal or regular labour, but if there are any employers who, while bearing in mind this cardinal point, might still be able to offer temporary employment to university men or women we should be deeply grateful to hear of them.

HERPES AND VARICELLA.

DR. R. C. WORSLEY (Topsham, Devon) writes: I have often OR. R. C. WORSLEY (Topsham, Devon) writes: I have often smiled, with others, at the appearance of the above perennial large gooseberry, but two striking cases in the last week have convinced me that there is "something in it." An old man had very bad shingles on his arm, shoulder, and back; a fortnight after its appearance his wife, some years younger, had the worst attack of chicken-pox I ever have seen in nearly forty years. (The patient was so ill that four dectors met to establish the differentiation from small-pox.) Three miles away, in a small village, a man had a severe attack of shingles on the leg, buttock, and scrotum, which ulcerated in parts. Two weeks after the onset his daughter developed varicella. There are, to my knowledge, no other cases of the latter disease in our neighbourhood.

NORTH-EAST COAST EXHIBITION.

THE Committee of the Medical Institute (J. Wilkie Smith Memorial), 7, Windsor Terrace, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, ask us to aunounce that the facilities of this institute are open to any medical man visiting the North-East Coast Exhibition at Newcastle. Bed and breakfast, 10s. 6d.

INDEXES TO "JOURNAL" WANTED.

DR. E. F. ARMOUR (6, Bruntsfield Terrace, Edinburgh) requires the following out-of-print Indexes to the British Medical Journal, and would be grateful to any reader who could supply him with all or any of them: General, Supplement, and Epitome Indexes, 1916, vol. i, and 1918, vol. i; Epitome Index only, 1915, vol. i, 1916, vol. ii, 1918, vol. i, and 1919, vol. i. Cost of postage would be read to the control of the control be repaid.

VACANCIES.

NOTIFICATIONS of offices vacant in universities, medical colleges constructions of offices vacant in universities, medical colleges, and of vacant resident and other appointments at hospitals, will be found at pages 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 52, 53, and 54 of our advertisement columns, and advertisements as to partnerships, assistantships, and locumtenencies at pages 50 and 51.

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