

A course on practical problems in medicine and surgery, arranged by the Fellowship of Medicine, will begin on January 17th, at 4 p.m., at 11, Chandos Street, W., with a lecture by Dr. Daniel Davies on "Views on the aetiology and treatment of peptic ulcer." There will be a demonstration of x-ray films of the chest, heart, and intestinal tract at the same place on January 20th, at 4.30. A whole-day course in cardiology will be held at the National Heart Hospital from January 16th to 27th. A demonstration on diseases of children will be given at the National Temperance Hospital at 8 p.m. on January 26th. A course in dermatology will take place at St. John's Hospital from January 30th to February 25th, and a week-end course in physical medicine at the London Clinic on February 11th and 12th. Courses, lectures, and demonstrations are open only to members and associates of the Fellowship of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, W.1.

On January 16th the People's League of Health will commence its twelfth annual series of the Sims Woodhead Memorial Lectures, consisting of thirteen educational health lectures, to be given at the headquarters of the National Union of Teachers, Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, W.C., on thirteen consecutive Mondays, at 6 p.m. The lecturers include Dr. W. G. Willoughby, Sir Leonard Hill, Dr. J. S. Fairbairn, Dr. P. Manson-Bahr, Sir Thomas Oliver, and Sir Frederick Hobday. Tickets for the series, and all particulars, may be obtained from the general secretary of the League, 12, Stratford Place, W.1. Price of full course ticket, 10s.; single lectures, 1s. each.

The council of the Royal Sanitary Institute (90, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1) has arranged for visits on Saturday, February 4th, to the new sewage works of the city of Coventry at Finham, and to the new abattoir for the city at Upper York Street, The Butts. Those proposing to take part in either or both of the visits should notify the secretary of the Institute by January 21st.

Letters, Notes, and Answers

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QUERIES AND ANSWERS

Scabies

"ACARUS" asks for advice in the treatment of the following case. The patient has been suffering from scabies for the past twelve months, and the usual textbook treatment gives but temporary relief.

Cracked Nails

Dr. ALFRED ILES (Taunton) writes, in reply to Dr. Pollard: "Durofix," obtainable for 6d. from any ironmonger, is certain in its relief from discomfort, and, if not complicated by infection or disease, obtains a speedy cure. It is much used by radiologists, whose hands are notoriously tender, and can therefore be taken to be quite safe to use on the nail or skin.

Income Tax

Sale of Practice—Cash Basis

"C. S." has been assessed on the cash basis. As from January 1st he is taking "X" into partnership on an equal share basis, and "X" will take over the whole practice as from July 1st. It is intended to treat the practice as a new one as from January 1st, and the inspector of taxes has been notified accordingly. He has asked to see the partnership agreement, and has inquired what "C. S." proposes to do as regards receipts from accounts outstanding at January 1st.

** The partnership agreement should be forwarded to the inspector of taxes for his perusal—the request is reasonable in the circumstances. "C. S." might inform the inspector that he is advised that as there is no reason to suppose that the assessments for the past six years on the cash basis have been less than they would on a "bookings" basis he has accounted for his full liability, and the receipts after December 31st merely represent the collection of income on which tax has in effect already been assessed.

LETTERS, NOTES, ETC.

Epsom College

"A GRATEFUL PATIENT" writes: Having read Dr. Raymond Crawford's appeal in your issue of December 31st, 1932 (p. 1208), I have sent him one guinea in the hope that 499 other grateful patients will do the same—as they should.

"A Cure for Insomnia"

"C. H. A." writes: I suggested to an elderly man who, owing to business worries, was waking at 5 a.m. and lying sleepless till getting-up time, that he should rise from his bed and wander round the house till he was thoroughly chilled. Then he should return to his warm bed. He was inclined to try this scheme when I told him I had read of it in Boswell's *Life of Johnson*, of which book he was an admirer. The success, he told me later, was great, and in his opinion was due to the delicious sensation of the warm bed diverting the mind from business anxieties, and so sleep came.

Frost Precautions for Motorists

The following advice for preventing damage to motor cars during periods of frost is given by the Automobile Association: (1) When a car is out of use drain the radiator, cylinder jackets, and pump casing. It is not enough on many cars merely to open the radiator drain tap. (2) For cars in use either of the following safeguards should be employed: In the absence of an adequate heating system for the whole garage, a special lamp or other heating apparatus of sufficient power should be placed under the bonnet. The latter and the radiator should be completely covered with rugs. Thermal wastage can also be minimized under running conditions if a muff is used. Introduce into the water-circulating system one of the various compounds available for lowering the freezing point. Experiments to check the results obtained with, and the best proportions of, such compounds have been carried out by the technical staff, and full information on this subject can be obtained from the A.A. headquarters, Fanum House, New Coventry Street, W.1.

New Year Chocolates

We have received from Cadbury Bros. Ltd. a selection of their goods representative of the art of fine chocolate making at Bournville, the largest cocoa and chocolate factory in the world. Cadbury's have had remarkable success in recent months with their "Bourn-Vita" food-drink. This is made with fresh full-cream milk and eggs from British farms, British malt, and Empire cocoa.

In our recent review of *What is Sex?* by Dr. Helena Wright, it should have been stated that Mr. G. C. Turner, who writes an introduction to the book, is headmaster of Marlborough College.

Vacancies

Notifications of offices vacant in universities, medical colleges, and of vacant resident and other appointments at hospitals, will be found at pages 41, 42, 43, 46, and 47 of our advertisement columns, and advertisements as to partnerships, assistantships, and locumtenencies at pages 44 and 45.

A short summary of vacant posts notified in the advertisement columns appears in the *Supplement* at page 11.