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QUERIES AND ANSWERS

Treatment of Enuresis

"K. M. C." would welcome suggestions for the treatment of enuresis in a boy of 7½. The child is otherwise normal and healthy, and not unduly excitable. He was circumcised as a baby, and eye and stool examinations are negative. Care is taken with his diet, and no fluid intake allowed after 5 p.m.; he is taken out of bed at 9.45 p.m. to pass urine, but does not wake; if left longer he is wet, and is almost invariably wet in the morning. Various drug treatments, including belladonna and luminal, have been tried, with temporary success, but on stopping treatment relapse has occurred. Can any reader advise treatment by suggestion from personal experience?

Income Tax

Alterations to Surgery

"J. M. M." had some alterations made to his surgery, including the replacement of a wooden waiting room with a brick structure. Is he entitled to any deduction for this expenditure?

** No. The expenditure falls within the prohibition contained in Rule 3 (g) applicable to Cases I and II, Schedule D—that is, that "no sum shall be deducted in respect of . . . any capital employed in improvements of premises occupied for the purposes of the . . . profession."

LETTERS, NOTES, ETC.

Anthropophobia

LORD DAVIES writes from Thorney House, Smith Square, Westminster, S.W.1: I have read with considerable interest the correspondence in your columns on this vital problem of anthropophobia, and the suggestion made by Dr. Halliday Sutherland that the work of collecting data and stimulating research into the problem should be undertaken by "a medical branch" of the New Commonwealth Society. At present the society is assisted by a research institute, which, with the co-operation of a large number of eminent international jurists and publicists, is investigating the problems of "peaceful change" and the equitable settlement of international disputes. It also co-ordinates the activities of military experts who are concerned with making collective security a reality. In addition, the society enjoys the co-operation of a Churches Advisory Committee and an Educational Advisory Committee. There can be no possible doubt that by undertaking a scientific investigation into this important question the medical profession would be making an outstanding contribution to the cause of world peace. I need hardly say that the New Commonwealth

Institute would be prepared to do everything in its power to assist in this task by endeavouring to co-ordinate the activities of those who may be willing to co-operate in this effort.

Medical Papers and the Lay Press

Dr. S. LEVY SIMPSON (London, W.1) writes: Some while ago you were good enough to permit some correspondence in your columns in reference to the question of the popular press extracting certain articles from medical journals and mentioning the name of the author. I believe that some physicians and surgeons who had been thus involved without their knowledge and consent wrote and urged that an appropriate medical body should take steps to prevent this. I have just been similarly embarrassed in reference to the article on epidemic cervical adenitis that appeared in a recent issue of the *British Medical Journal* (May 2nd). Although it may not be possible or advisable to take any legal steps, it may well be that an appropriate representation by those entitled to speak for the profession would be received in an understanding spirit by those who control the popular press. Individual protest can only be made after the event.

** Our experience is that representations, whether individual or collective, are idle.

Teaching of Radiology

Professor G. A. CLARK, M.D., Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Sheffield, writes: In the account in the *British Medical Journal* of May 9th of the report on the Royal Society of Medicine Subcommittee on the Teaching of Radiology in Medical Schools I see no reference to the teaching of this subject in Sheffield. I beg to point out that our regulations insist that before a student can enter for his final examination he must have attended "for three months a course in radiology." We have had on the University staff since 1924 a lecturer in radiology who is honorary radiologist to one of our general hospitals, and even before that date instruction was given by clinical teachers. The course includes lectures and demonstrations in the radiological department. Radiological anatomy is also taught in the department of anatomy during the pre-clinical period.

** In the report that was published in the *Journal* of May 9th (p. 956) the phraseology at the end of the section under "Report of R.S.M. Subcommittee" is slightly ambiguous. "It also wishes to point out that in the English schools . . ." would read more clearly thus: "It also wishes to point out that in some English schools such instruction is given in diagnosis only, and in others in radiotherapy only."

Dr. Barnardo's Homes

From January to December of last year 1,396 destitute children were admitted to the benefits of Dr. Barnardo's Homes. During December the homes admitted 102 children, among whom was the 118,000th child to be welcomed under the charter "No destitute child ever refused admission." The family now numbers about 8,300 babies and boys and girls—1,455 being under 5 years of age. Three hundred boys are in training for the Royal Navy, 300 bigger boys are being taught useful trades at the Barnardo technical school, while in Dorset 100 lads are receiving instruction for the merchant service. At the girls' village home, Barkingside, there are 1,500 girls and toddlers in residence, and in the boys' garden city are 700 boys.

Hospital Furniture Exhibit

A special display of hospital furniture will be on view until May 23rd on the ground floor of British Industries House, Marble Arch, W. More than thirty firms who specialize in furniture and other domestic equipment for hospitals, such as chinaware and cutlery, are participating, and all of them are tenants of British Industries House. The display, which consists of ward and domestic furniture, beds, bedding, lighting, and fittings, looks most attractive in open stands or arranged *in situ*.

Vacancies

Notifications of offices vacant in universities, medical colleges, and of vacant resident and other appointments at hospitals, will be found at pages 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63 and 66 of our advertisement columns, and advertisements as to partnerships, assistantships, and locumtenencies at pages 64 and 65.

A short summary of vacant posts notified in the advertisement columns appears in the *Supplement* at page 280.