DR. HOWARD'S AMBULANCE-CARRIAGE.

SIR,-Since arriving in London last week, it has come to my knowledge that various carriage-builders are respectively advertising themselves as "patentees," as "sole manufacturers," as "manufacturers" to the London Ambulance Service, etc., of Dr. Benjamin Howard's ambulance-carriage.

As this ambulance-carriage, with or without modifications, is used exclusively by the London Ambulance Service, very largely by the Metropolitan Asylums Board, and increasingly throughout the United Kingdom, I think it important that the profession should know that, in consequence of special provision made by me when I gave this ambulance to the London Ambulance Service and to the British public, no part of this carriage is, or can be now, patented by anybody, and that all representations which, have been made of monopoly of any kind in connection with its manufacture are untrue.-Yours truly,

BENJAMIN HOWARD.

TREATMENT BY INHALATION.

"F.R.C.S." might consult Oertel's work on Respiratory Therapeutics, or that

of Solis Cohen on Inhalations, for the information he requires on the above subject. He will also find a list of remedies in the Throat Hospital Pharmacopeia. In regard to the use of my naso-oral respirator, I believe that, from the irritant action of the volatile substances with which it is necessarily charged upon tant action of the volatile substances with winch it is necessarily charged upon the windpipe, its use is contra-indicated in most of the inflammatory affections of that region, especially in laryngeal phthisis. Further, I have found that, whilst of service in cases of bronchiectasis and putrid bronchitis, it has no influence upon the bacilli of tubercle, and consequently upon pulmonary tuberculosis.—I am, etc.,

G. Hunter Mackenzie, M.D. Edinburgh.

MEDICAL FEES AT THE COLLEGES.

-When the Medical Act Amendment Bill is again introduced into the Lords, IR.—When the Medical Act Amendment Bill is again introduced into the Lords, would it not be wise to have some clause inserted, if possible, with regard to the fees charged by the corporations, etc.? There is as much underselling going on in this respect as in the examinations themselves, and surely the status of the profession is as much lowered by one as the other. One college even advertises that the whole of the lectures (college and hospital) necessary for the qualification of physician and surgeon to be obtained there, can be attended for £48. Surely it is by such means that we have men in the profession who socially ought never to be there. The value of these qualifications is known; nevertheless, an inferior class of men is admitted, which does not add to the dignity of the profession.—Yours truly, the profession .- Yours truly,

COSTS OF LEGAL PROSECUTIONS OF MEDICAL MEN.

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Sir,—Allow me to make a suggestion to the members of the medical profession in reference to the very serious costs attemfing legal prosecutions of which we have lately had some examples. My view is that we should at once establish a new branch of insurance against the loss or injury of professional character. I aman actuary, but I fancy that one guines per annum would provide a moderate fund to meet the necessities of the case. The subject might be fully discussed by all the Branches of our British Medical Association; and the advantage of such a provision is too apparent to require much comment. A set of questions as to private and professional character would have to be framed; I think. The discussion to faster responsibility and costs upon medical men is growing, and, I fear, will continue to grow, so long as there is a large-body of quacks, prescribing druggists, and others who are interested in crying down the medical profession. I fear this subject has not engaged its due share of attention hitherto; but when prosecutions have become more general, as I believe they will in a comparatively short time, then a practical remedy of the kind I have suggested will be urgently called for; and how much better would it be to be prepared beforehand.—Yours faithfully,

EFFECTS OF TRITICUM REPENS.

SIR,—I shall be glad if any of my brother members will tell me whether they have found the prolonged use of triticum repens followed by purpura hæmorrhagica, with nematuria and melæna, or by any other ill effects.—Yours faithfully,

A COUNTRY MEMBER TOBACCO-SMOKING.

TOBACCO-SMOKING.

Mr. Henry Meymorr writes to us respecting the evil effects of tobacco-smoking, and favours us with a copy of a letter which he has addressed to the editor of the Ludlow idvertiser, enforcing his views on the subject. We fully admit the injurious effects of a too great devotion to the habit; but the writer of this notice, though himself one who has given up tobacco-smoking, is not prepared to admit that a moderate use of tobacco is injurious. We cannot allow any force in the argument adduced by Mr. Meymott that, because tobacco is admitted into our pharmacopacias for internal use, therefore tobacco (we presume tobacco-smoking) is never to be resorted to except under medical advice.

PHARMACY.

Sir,—Will you kindly tell me the best book on combining and making up drugs, particularly as regards their solvents, and also their keeping properties, both in solution and otherwise? I do not know of any book which gives the information of the solution of the solution of the solution. "tion required .- Yours faithfully, M. B. A.

** Martindale and Westcott's Extra Pharmacopaia (Lewis); Proctor's Lectures on Pharmacy (Churchill); Dr. Whitla's Materia Medica.

TREATMENT OF CHOLERA.

Sir.—Allow me to put in a claim for "crude opium," as a powerful adjunct in the treatment of cholera in the first instance. I had a successful case last November so treated, which you kindly inserted in your Journal.

Let the external applications consist of the continuous supply of friction with hot financis, wet or dry, to all the available parts afflicted with cramps till relieved, and senapisms applied to the epigastrium. Then give half a grain of opium in a small hard pill, every hour till the pain subsides, washed down with a teaspoonful of cold water, previously boiled. Abstain from all nostrums and ethnulating medicaments until the irritability of the stomach is overcome, and in the meantime give nothing but cold water to assume the thirst, then substituted. in the meantime give nothing but cold water to assuing the thirst, then substi-tute hot drinks composed of smooth, tresh, water-gruel, flavoured with salt, When the violence of the symptoms has fairly subsided, adapt the treatment to the fresh symptoms as they arise, always bearing in mind the "vis medicatrix Nature."—I am, sir, yours faithfully, HENRY MEYMOTT, Surgeon. Ludlow International Congress of Subgical and Orthopædic Instrument-Makers.

We are requested to state that the second annual meeting of the International Association of Surgical and Orthopadic: Instrument-Makers will take place at. Dresden on September 14th. Although founded only last year, this Association is already represented by a large number of the leading Continental, and some English and American firms. Its object is to attain, by mutual instruction, the highest standard of excellence in the improvements of instruments and mechanical appliances, assurance of priority of inventions, and to exclude the intermediate dealers who are strangers to the trade; who, from want of technical tenowhere further instruments of instruments and the trade is the form of the property of the standard of the property of the standard of the property of the standard of the property of the p knowledge, furnish instruments of inferior description, detrimental to the reputation of the trade at large.

In order to attain their objects, and to uphold the dignity of the trade, according to the regulations of this Association, none but bone fide instrument-makers who have served their full term of apprenticeship to the trade are admitted as

members.

Members of firms desirous to join this Association and to take part at the forthcoming meeting, are invited to forward their name and address to the Secretary, Mr. C. Walter Bionditti Basle, or to Mr. C. W. Krohne (Krohne and Sesemann), 8, Duke Street, Manchester Square, London, W.

INQUIRER.—1. It is not, we believe, customary for medical men who dispense their own medicines to put their names and addresses on the labels. 2. The ordinary rule should be followed. The new comer should wait for his neighbours to call on him, except, of course, in cases where he has special introductions.

C. J. R. See Löffler's paper on Diphtheritis in the Mittheilungen des Gesundheitsamtes, vol. ii.

Dr. J. Allen (Pietermaritzburg).—The article has been received, and is marked for publication at as early a date as possible.

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