

## CHOLERA AND CONTAMINATED WATER.

SIR.—I should feel much obliged if you would, in your "Answers to Correspondents" column, tell me where I could find information of the relation of contaminated water with cholera? Has any special book or monograph been published on the subject?

I am engaged in putting together for my own information, and for future publication, if necessary, some interesting facts on this subject which have come to my knowledge in Southern India, and I naturally wish to study all previous publications on the matter, hence I trouble you.—Believe me, yours very faithfully,

M. C. FURNELL, Surgeon-General.

Madras.

\* The literature of the subject is very extensive; we can only indicate a few of the leading references. *Cholera: Privy Council and Local Government Board. Reprints from Reports of the Medical Department for the Years 1865-66, and 1873, with Preliminary Report by the Medical Officer, 1884.* London: Knight and Co., etc. 1884. Price fourpence. Dr. Snow's History of the Broad Street Pump, in *On the Mode of Communication of Cholera*. London: 1858. *Report of the Cholera-Epidemic of 1866 in England*; Local Government Board. London: 1868. *A History of Asiatic Cholera*, by Mr. Macnamara. *Hirsch's Handbook of Geographical and Historical Pathology*, translated by Dr. Creighton for the New Sydenham Society, contains a large number of references on this subject, and ought to be obtained by our correspondent.

## THE DOSE OF CONIUM.

SIR.—With reference to the inquest last week, I beg to submit the following. At 5.30 P.M. I saw the child for the first and last time. It was in convulsions, and in the intervals it stuffed its fist into its mouth. I found the gums tumid, and requested the parents to allow me to lance them, but they refused. After a careful examination, I prescribed the following. R Potassii bromidi ʒi; extracti conii ʒi; aque chloroformi ʒi; give one tablespoonful, etc., and I gave them full directions, saying: "Give it one teaspoonful." The druggist also told them to give it one teaspoonful, and one teaspoonful was given. I have experimented with conium for some years. I felt myself justified in ordering a larger dose than that prescribed in the *British Pharmacopæia*. Dr. John Harley says: "The physiological action of hemlock is such, that doses which fall short of producing it are of no use." The coroner took the *British Pharmacopæia* as his guide, and the jury gave their verdict accordingly. If we are not to exceed the prescribed dose in urgent cases, it will certainly be very hard on us and on our patients. I was hurried, and did not answer a remark by the father, that I wished to quash the matter. I never expressed such a wish to anyone.

I have received a letter from a solicitor, threatening me with proceedings, in view of which I have placed the matter in the hands of my solicitor, Mr. W. T. B. Knapp, of 161, Marylebone Road, who will be glad to receive suggestions from my brother professionals, which may be of service to him in defending any proceedings that may be taken.

I have been eight months in practice in this house, having served my time since I was qualified as a house-surgeon in different places.—I am, yours faithfully,

RUSSELL O'BRIEN, M.B., M.S.

A MEMBER (Reading).—The question is too large a one to be answered in our columns. It would best be dealt with by reference to the standard books on the subject, or by consultation with a hospital surgeon.

PIERROT asks: Is it legal and correct for an L.R.C.P.Ed., F.R.C.S., etc., to put "Physician and Surgeon" on his door-plate? As all the L.R.C.P.'s do so about here, and as I am one as well, I should like to do so as well, if it be orthodox; but if it be not, I shall not do so. Or would it be correct to put one's qualifications?

\* It is perfectly legal to put the words "Physician and Surgeon," but, in other respects, it remains a matter of taste. At the same time, we doubt whether there is any reasonable objection to it.

## MEDICAL OFFICER FOR MISSION IN ASIA MINOR.

SIR.—Will you allow me to ask in your columns if there be a young qualified man whose tastes would lead him to join a mission to the Assyrian Christians in Kurdistan. The mission was started by the two archbishops in 1881, and its work has hitherto been confined to the Turkish side. It is now desired to extend it to the Persian side, and to send out two clergymen and a doctor.

If any one of your readers has a desire to take part in this interesting work, he may apply to me, or directly to the Rev. R. Milburn Blakiston, 2, Dean's Yard, Westminster.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

3, Cavendish Place.

GEORGE COWELL.

## IMPERFORATE VAGINA.

SIR.—I cannot help feeling that others, in common with myself, would be much interested to learn the sequel to the case M.R.C.S.E. communicated in the *JOURNAL* of June 27th, headed, "Imperforate Vagina," and trust, in a later number, the writer will kindly tell us the result of treatment.—Yours faithfully,

ENQUIRER.

K.—If no reply have been received, we would recommend our correspondent to write again to M. le Secrétaire de l'Académie de Médecine, Paris.

M.R.C.S.—Dr. A. B. Garrod, on *Gout and Rheumatic Gout*.

## DRY EARTH METHOD.

SIR.—Will some correspondent kindly furnish me with the names of any villages where Moule's dry-earth system has been adopted; for how long a time and with what result?—Yours truly,

A MEMBER.

FAIR PLAY.—What is sauce for the gander is sauce for the goose; and the advertisements forwarded are highly opposed to professional rule. Fair Play should communicate with the University or College whence this lady derives her degree.

## HAY-FEVER AND HÆMOPTYSIS.

SIR.—The case mentioned by Dr. Poulain in the *JOURNAL* of July 11th, page 89, is of much interest. As true hay-fever rarely continues all the year round, there is probably some other cause for the reflex phenomena of sneezing and watery discharge. Before the affection is attributed to a constitutional cause, a careful examination of the nasal cavities with reflected sunlight is to be recommended, with the view of discovering any small polypi in the region of the middle turbinated body, or other source of irritation. Benefit to the symptoms will probably be derived from painting the nasal cavities repeatedly with a four per cent. solution of eucaine-hydrochlorate. This application would have the additional advantage of contracting the inferior turbinated bodies if, as is probably the case, they become temporarily erected (see the *JOURNAL*, March 7th, 1885, p. 479).

The suspicion concerning the "hæmoptysis" is that there was hæmorrhage from the nose, the blood escaping into the throat; but of this Dr. Poulain is best able to form an opinion.—Yours truly,

E. CRESSWELL BABER.

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