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SIR,—I feel I should be very remiss, in forwarding what I believe will be the last list of subscriptions, without at the same time thanking you for your kindness in having assisted in so good and popular a movement, not only by throwing open your columns, but also by your able advocacy. Several friends who have taken a keen interest in the matter think there should be a public presentation; and as Sheffield is the nearest large town to the village of Brimington, where Dr. Bradley practised his profession, that it should take place there; consequently, it has been decided that the money subscribed, together with an address, shall be given publicly. Every subscriber will receive intimation of the date and place of presentation. Also, if you would kindly allow me to publish it in the pages of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, you would add very materially to the aid you have already given.—I remain, yours faithfully,

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BONE-SETTERS AND CLUB-DOCTORS.

SIR,—Will you kindly advise me in the following case? A member of a friendly society, under which I hold a medical appointment, came to me the other day, asking me to give him a certificate of sickness for his club. He was suffering from fractured clavicle, which had been set by an unqualified bone-setter at a distance, and I understood that a certificate from this man had admitted him to the benefit of sick relief. I declined to grant him the certificate, referring him to the bone-setter for it.

The next day I received a note from the secretary officially, requiring me to make a professional examination of the patient. My reply was that I would, as medical officer of the society, examine the patient and report his condition to the secretary, but I distinctly declined to give him the ordinary sick-certificates required periodically during his disablement. I would like to know your opinion of my conduct through the pages of the JOURNAL.—Yours sincerely,

R. J. J.

* The course adopted seems to be reasonable if the unqualified bone-setter continued to have the member under his care. If, however, he were not being attended, perhaps a refusal to give him any advice or certificate might place our correspondent in a difficult and unpleasant position with the society. The matter is one requiring careful consideration, and may be largely dependent on local circumstances.

INFLUENCE OF FUCHSINE ON ORDINARY TESTS.

SIR,—I should be much obliged if you, or any of your readers, would kindly give me some information as to the influence of fuchsine on the ordinary tests for sugar, albumen, urea, etc., in urine excreted by a patient who is taking it for albuminuria, the urine being slightly coloured by it. I know of no book or periodical in which the subject is mentioned.—I am, sir, yours obediently,

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* It may be said that the ordinary tests for albumen, sugar, and urea in urine are only affected to a very slight degree by the administration of small doses of pure fuchsine. The urine of a dog, to whom fuchsine was given for three days, showed no marked alteration, except of colour, although some new aromatic bodies made their appearance. As traces of aniline and arsenic may be present as impurities in the fuchsine, care should be taken to guard against this. Reference is made to the subject by Schmiedeberg, *Archiv für Exper. Pathol.*, band viii, s. 2.

CONSTIPATION IN INFANTS.

SIR,—I should feel obliged if some of your correspondents would kindly favour me with their experience as to the best remedy for this.

I have under my care an infant, aged 5 months, who, from two months after birth, has been troubled by the most persistent constipation. I have done everything that I can think of, and have examined most of the text-books without being successful in hitting on a cure. I use the word advisedly. Of course, I have found temporary benefit from many things. Books on children's diseases appear all to dismiss this complaint with a very few words, and a few impracticable suggestions. The child is otherwise in excellent health. Will some of your readers kindly let me know of something that has succeeded in their own practice?—Yours faithfully,

M.D.

"WORMING" DOGS FOR HYDROPHOBIA.

Our correspondent from Dedale writes again on this subject. There is no possible reason why removing any of the structures which help to form the floor of the mouth should prevent a dog from having hydrophobia. It might prevent him from biting so easily as before the operation, but a muzzle would effect this object without the trouble of performing a cruel and useless operation. The disease, whatever its precise nature may be, is clearly introduced into the system through a wound made by the animal's teeth, or through a haingnail, or abrasion, wetted by the dog's saliva. The dog himself contracts the disease either from a wound made by another animal, or from certain obscure constitutional disturbances, but certainly not through having a "worm" in his tongue.

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