

THE ENTRIES AT THE MEDICAL SCHOOLS.

We are requested to state that twenty-eight students have entered at St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School for special courses, including two who have entered for preliminary scientific classes only.

THE BRADLEY FUND.

SIR,—As the two following subscriptions arrived too late for insertion in your last week's issue, I hope you will kindly permit me to acknowledge them in your next.—I remain, yours faithfully,
Eastwood House, Chesterfield.

RICHARD JEFFREYS.

Dr. L. Nugent Mac Dermott, Fokford
Mr. J. Roche Lynch, 8, Boyne Terrace, W.

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MEDICAL SICKNESS, ANNUITY, AND LIFE-ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

SIR,—Will you kindly give me an answer as to whether I can have the four quarterly premiums paid to the Medical Sickness, Annuity, and Life-Assurance Society for 1884 deducted from my income-tax? I sent the receipts to the surveyor of taxes, and he said that the name of the society does not appear on the list supplied to him from Somerset House, containing the names of societies in respect of whose policies an allowance of income-tax is authorised.—I am, yours truly,

F. H. THOMPSON.

Clebury Mortimer, near Bewdley.

** We are informed that, on an inquiry at Somerset House, an answer was given that amounts paid as premiums to the society, being a registered friendly society, were exempt from income-tax. Subsequently, however, the Board of Inland Revenue disputed this, and it was ultimately decided that, under the Acts of Parliament, payments for annuity or life-assurance are exempt, but those for sickness-assurance are not. Further, the officials have agreed to accept the certificate of the Secretary (Mr. C. J. Radley, 26, Wynne Road, Brixton, S.W.) as evidence of the division of any premium. Any surveyor of taxes who refuses this exemption is exceeding his powers, and acting in contravention of the law.

HOME FOR AN HYSTERICAL CASE.

SIR,—If "Hysteria" will write to the Misses George, Fern Cottage, Malvern Link, Malvern, I think he can be well accommodated.—I am, sir, yours truly,
Worcester.

WILLIAM WOODWARD, M.D.

A REMEDY FOR RINGWORM OF SCALP.

SIR,—Will any brother practitioner kindly suggest a remedy for ringworm of the scalp? My rector's two little girls have suffered for six months from this troublesome complaint, and this notwithstanding my having tried all the well known remedies, iodine, mercury, sulphurous acid, etc.

A MAMBER.

DYSDROSIS OF FEET.

DR. JAMES THOMPSON (West Kensington) advises a trial of a solution of Californian borax in water, every night or morning, and also that a fresh pair of socks be used daily.

G. B. W. thinks that the following paint, applied by a brush twice a week to the feet (accompanied, of course, by scrupulous cleanliness), would be found successful. B Hydrargyri iodidi rubri, gr. x; liquoris plumbi acet. ʒiij.

MR. A. H. LEECH (Woolpit) suggests washing the feet in warm water, night and morning, and after each washing applying a little oxide of zinc in vaseline (one part to five). Clean socks should be worn every day. Mr. Leech has recently had a case, which was cured in three days by the above treatment.

DR. SHADFORTH MORTON (Croydon) recommends the following. R Spiritus vini methylati ʒij; liquoris hydrargyri perchlor. ʒi. Let the cork of the bottle be drilled with a quill, in the same way that itinerant oyster-vendors perforate their vinegar-bottles, and let the patient deluge the sole of the shoe or boot, just previously to putting it on, with about a teaspoonful of the mixture. This generally effects a cure in a fortnight. This plan has the advantage of saving trouble. Of course, extreme cleanliness should be advised, and the changing of socks daily; but it must not be forgotten that the sole of the boot becomes sodden with the fetid sweat. If "A Medical Man" can refer to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of the latter half of 1880, he will find several useful and instructive notes on ill smelling feet.

MR. C. J. EVANS (Northampton) has found a solution of boracic acid very useful in checking the bad smell of the feet.

CONSTIPATION IN INFANTS.

SIR,—I would advise your correspondent, "M.D.", to have a teaspoonful of castor-oil rubbed into the abdomen every morning for a quarter of an hour with the palm of the hand, and persisted in for some time.

M.R.C.S.

ERRATUM.

IN the JOURNAL for October 17th, page 773, column 1, in the first paragraph of Mr. W. E. Green's letter on Quinsy and Rheumatism, last line but two, for "That one does not meet" read "That one does meet."

SPASMODIC TABES.

DR. E. T. WILSON (Cheltenham) asks: Can any reader of the JOURNAL suggest a remedy for the spasm constantly occurring on awaking from sleep in a case of spasmodic tabes? Various drugs have been tried in vain; nepenthe alone seems to alleviate.

MR. BOSANQUET (Cork).—We would not recommend any one to bring forward the comparison of the innominate bone to a propeller in an examination. The idea, however, is ingenious, and would find an appropriate place in a lecture or paper.

MATERNAL IMPRESSIONS AND CONGENITAL DEFORMITIES.

SIR,—Twenty-two years ago, I operated for hare-lip upon a young man, a mill-worker; and, when I was examining the lip a week after the operation, the wife of a gentleman in the neighbourhood came into the cottage where I was, and looked at it also. In a few days her husband called upon me, and said that his wife, who was three months advanced in pregnancy, had a nervous apprehension that the child to be born would have a cleft lip. I ridiculed the idea, and did everything I could to allay their fears, but without success. To my great surprise, however, a female child was born six months afterwards, having a hare-lip, in position and character corresponding very closely to the one seen by the mother.—I am, sir, yours faithfully,
Derby.

WILLIAM WEBB, M.D., F.R.C.S.

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BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

History of Homoeopathy. By Wilhelm Aneke, M.D. Translated by Alfred E. Drysdale, M.B. Edited by R. E. Dudgeon, M.D. London: E. Gould and Son. 1885.

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