

QUERIES.

FIXED FEES FOR MEDICAL MEN.

DR. R. RENTOUL (Liverpool) writes: Will any member please give me whatever information they may possess regarding the fixing of medical fees by the State? I think such a system exists in Canada, Austria, Shanghai, and other places. I shall feel deeply obliged for full information as to fees, etc.

A QUESTION OF TREATMENT.

M.B.A. asks for suggestions as to treatment for the following case. His son, aged 13, had, up to last January, uninterrupted good health. At that time he returned from school with enlarged tonsils, slight bronchitis, and generally out of health. In a short time the bronchitis cleared up, but left him constipated in his bowels. Early in the spring he had a severe and prolonged attack of pertussis; this has now all disappeared. His bowels still remain constipated, not acting for four or five days, and then only with the aid of aperients. Nuxvomica, belladonna, aloes, etc., and the saline aperients have been tried in vain. His lungs are sound, but his appetite is bad. He sleeps well, and can take fair active exercise, and has no cough.

BEECHAM'S PILLS.

PARAGON asks: Can any member give me the formula of the much advertised Beecham's pill? It is much used by lower class patients as a remedy for "everything."

F.R.C.P. asks for the address of Professor Carl Vogt.

HOME FOR A PARALYTIC.

A MEMBER of the profession wishes to find a comfortable home for a brother who is hopelessly paralysed. The patient would prefer an establishment where he would have the society of other invalids to a private residence. He requires good nursing rather than medical treatment. If any kind reader could give any information, he would render a great service.

ANSWERS.

CAIUS should apply to the Home Secretary for the official forms which require to be filled up.

A MEMBER.—1. Apply to the Secretary of the Poor Law Medical Officers' Association, Mr. J. Wickham Barnes, 3, Bolt Court, Fleet Street, E.C. 2. The Secretary of the British Gynaecological Society is Dr. Fancourt Barnes, 7, Queen Anne Street, W.

PRACTICE IN BRAZIL.

DR. R. E. BURGESS (Kettering) writes: In the JOURNAL for August 14th, a member asks for information as to practice in the Brazil or the Argentine Republic. About five years ago I was out there, and made inquiries on the subject, and I believe I am correct in saying that, before being allowed to practise in either place, a man with British qualifications must study in the hospitals out there for two years, and then pass an examination in medicine, surgery, etc., and that he would also have to pass an examination in the Spanish language. I heard of several Englishmen in Monte Video and Buenos Ayres who were doing very well. I have reason to believe that fees are good, but living is very expensive. As to whether assistantships or partnerships are obtainable, I cannot say.

IRISH LICENCES IN MEDICINE.

MR. J. J. BINGHAM (Alfreton).—There is no university or medical corporation in Dublin which grants a degree or licence in medicine without evidence of previous attendance on lectures, hospital practice, etc. The licence in midwifery is granted only to persons already qualified.

MULLEIN OR VERBASCUM IN PHTHISIS.

IN reply to the inquiry of T. C. D., Messrs. Parke, Davis, and Co. write to say that mullein leaves (verbascum thapsus) as supplied by them to Dr. Quinlan, of Dublin, may be obtained of their London agents, Messrs. Burgoyne and Co., 16, Coleman Street, E.C., but add that an infusion can most easily be made from the fluid extract as supplied by them. Three ounces of the fluid extract may be used in thirteen ounces of the milk in preference to the leaves.

POOR CLERK.—Apply at the surgical out-patient department of any of the London general hospitals.

NOTES, LETTERS, ETC.

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MR. "PUNCH" NODDING.

WHILE (no doubt) our excellent and facetious contemporary Mr. Punch and his sagacious companion Toby were enjoying their well-earned "forty winks" last week, someone inserted in the number of his well-known paper for August 21st what was intended to be a joke at the expense of the President of the British Medical Association, who is accused of having said in his address: "What if Goethe's mother had never married? Would he have written Faust?" Unfortunately for the point of the joke, this is not what Dr. Withers Moore said. It was: "Would she have written Faust?" The word "she" appears in Dr. Moore's address as published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of August 14th (page 297 column 1); and, as we have ascertained by careful examination, it was printed correctly in the very first proof of the address. The author of the paragraph in Punch must have copied from some inaccurate report which appeared

elsewhere than in this JOURNAL, and for which Dr. Withers Moore is in no way responsible. Mr. Punch's moral courage and sense of justice are too well known to render it necessary to say more on the subject.

A SLIGHT ERROR.

A GERMAN contemporary announces that "the President of the British Medical Association, Dr. B. Forster, has been raised to the peerage (Adelstand)."

THE USE OF INDIA-RUBBER BANDAGES.

DR. F. A. A. SMITH (Portsea) writes: India-rubber bandages were first brought out, I believe, for the cure of chronic ulcers of the leg, which heal up very rapidly under their use. I find them most useful in many other affections. In a case of effusion into the knee-joint, the result of a blow, when rest in bed, fomentations, blisters, and Scott's dressing did little or no good, the use of an India-rubber bandage was followed by the greatest benefit, all effusion being removed in a few days. In a case of bad varicose veins of the legs, of over forty years' standing, the veins were practically cured after a year's treatment by India-rubber bandages. I find nothing to equal their use; also, after the acute symptoms have subsided, in swellings of rheumatic or gouty origin. I have no doubt but that an India-rubber bag of suitable size could be made for the treatment of cases of orchitis, and would be found far preferable to the ordinary strapping.

ERRATA.

IN the JOURNAL of August 21st, page 368, column 1, line 28, for "Dr. Kelly Taunton," read "Dr. Kealy, Gosport." In page 370, column 2, for "Admiral Fielding" read "Admiral Field."

MADEIRA AND THE CANARY ISLANDS.

MR. MORDEY DOUGLAS (Sunderland) writes: Having spent last winter in Madeira and the Canary Islands, I shall be glad to give "D. C." in a private letter, information of the advantages and disadvantages of the islands of Madeira, Tenerife, and Grand Canary.

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