

QUERIES.

TREATMENT OF CHRONIC GLANDULAR ENLARGEMENT.

U. writes: Can any of my brother members suggest treatment in chronic enlarged inguinal glands, not due to specific influence, but occurring in a strumous constitution? Sulphide of calcium, oleate of mercury, iodine, prolonged rest, etc., have all been tried, but without success. Would extirpation by knife be justifiable?

BETA asks for information of any situation suitable for the daughters of a medical man not well off, and getting very old, who very much dislike being governesses. They are well educated, and would be glad to go abroad if there would be a better chance than at home.

ANSWERS.

DR. HUTCHINSON.—The *Therapeutic Gazette* is published by G. S. Davis, Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A. The English agent is Mr. H. K. Lewis, of Gower Street.

H. H.—We see no objection to the formula, "Physician and Surgeon," which correctly expresses the professional status conferred by the diplomas of the Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons.

REGISTERED.—Anyone can give evidence in a court of law, and any other rule would be impossible and absurd. Only registered practitioners can hold office in the public services, civil or military, or recover fees for medical or surgical attendance.

L. M. GRIFFITHS.—The data are already in printed form. The best opportunity of publishing them in the JOURNAL shall be considered.

CUCAINE IN DENTAL SURGERY.

MR. J. M. ACKLAND, M.R.C.S. Eng., writes: For teeth-extraction, eucaïne is best used in the form of a solution, and I find the result most satisfactory with a 10 per cent. solution of the hydrochlorate of that drug. I put ten minims of this strength into a hypodermic syringe (made for the purpose) with a very fine point, and piercing the gum about half an inch below the neck of the tooth, I inject five minims on the outside, and the same quantity on the inside; after waiting from one and a half to two minutes, I proceed to extract with a warm pair of forceps.

Many people keep one-grain powders of the hydrochlorate of eucaïne, and make their own solution at the time of using it; but, as I employ it pretty frequently, I get a 100 minims made at a time, and find it answers very well. For abscessed teeth, the prick of the needle is often very painful, and I do not advise its use in all such cases.

HOME FOR A CASE OF CHRONIC RHEUMATISM.

In answer to "J. A. P." (*JOURNAL*, October 16th), Miss Phipps, of St. Luke's Home, 29, Manor Road, Walworth, S.E., would take such a case; she can give information of several other homes.

MEDICAL OFFICERS OF CONVICT PRISONS.

M.B., M.A.—The pay in Her Majesty's convict prisons commences, as was stated in the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL* on January 26th, 1884, p. 203, at £250 a year, and afterwards depends on the length of service and the particular prison. Application should be made to the Secretary, Her Majesty's Convict Prisons, Home Office, Whitehall, S.W. See also leading article in the same issue of this JOURNAL.

NOTES, LETTERS, ETC.

A NEW WAY OF CHARGING VACCINE-TUBES.

DR. WOODWARD, Public Vaccinator, Worcester Union, finds the following method of charging vaccine-tubes convenient. Obtain some capillary tubes of extra size (they can be got from Somerville, Stockbridge, Edinburgh, 10s. per 1,000, carriage free), charge them about an inch, then well exhaust the air and well seal, when the lymph will recede about an inch, according to its viscosity; exhaust and seal very carefully the other end. A little sealing-wax will be of use to complete the sealing, and also to mark the quality of the lymph, using much or little wax accordingly. Tubes will be much better charged this way, and, what is of still more consequence, much more readily emptied when required, namely, by breaking off the short end close to the lymph, touching it with the point of the needle, if necessary, and blowing from the long end.

Dr. Woodward will be glad to know results from any who will try this method.

DIRECT REPRESENTATION AND THE TITLE OF DOCTOR.

BETA writes: As a member of the "Committee of Selection," I, in common with many other members, have been wishful to learn how many votes were given for each candidate at the test election. The secretaries refuse to give any particulars, and we can only draw the conclusion that the decision was not nearly so unanimous as could be wished. Surely this is not an open way to work any election, and should be made known to the electors.

WINE-DINNERS.

M. F. B. writes to say that he has never attended the old students' dinner of his Alma Mater, his opinion being that £1 is too high a charge. He states that members of the Association in Bristol only pay 6s. 6d. or 7s. 6d., exclusive of wine.

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