

QUERIES.

INCOME TAX.

M.D. will be glad to know, for the purposes of income tax return, the percentage of bad debts that is usually estimated to occur in an ordinary country practitioner's practice.

PHRENOLOGY.

INQUIRER asks where he can obtain information as to the origin, history, and theory of Phrenology.

A CASE FOR DIAGNOSIS.

M.B. EDIN. writes: For some time back I have had the following case under treatment, but without any success. A. B., aged 26, came to me about two years ago, complaining of rheumatic pains in various joints, if the least exposed to cold or wet. He does not eat very well, and he is easily fatigued. His tongue is always, but especially in the morning, thick and coated, a yellow, creamy fur being on it; his mouth gets very dry, and the odour of his breath is very bad; he complains much of flatulence; he was very addicted to drink or smoking; he is losing all his teeth, and the reaction of the salivary to litmus paper is always very acid. I have tried him with nux vomica, liq. arsen., iodide and bicarb. of potash, cold sponging in the morning, regulation of diet, carefully regulated exercise, but without advantage.

MCDADE'S MIXTURE.

HYDEARGYRUM writes: I have several obstinate cases of syphilis of many years' standing, and one, particularly, affecting the nervous centres. I have tried mercury and iodides, and I shall feel obliged by the opinion of those who have tried McDade's Mixture, or any other suggestions.

COST OF SMALL HOSPITALS.

A HOSPITAL SECRETARY desires answers to the following questions:

1. What ought to be the average cost per occupied bed in a (general) hospital of twelve beds?

2. Would the average cost per occupied bed in such a hospital be greater or less than in a large hospital?

3. What books or publications can he refer to for information in reference to hospital administration?

PRISON MEDICAL SERVICE.

DR. J. JACKSON writes: About seven years ago the death was announced in the JOURNAL of the surgeon of one of our convict establishments, and in the same paper, as nearly as my memory serves me, were given a few verses of poetry written by one of the prisoners upon the death, with the editor's comments, and began somehow thus:

Gone so early! and a gloom is on every prisoner's brow,

And the darkness of this prison has a sadder darkness now.

What I desire to know is the date of the JOURNAL in which this appeared.

TREATMENT OF CHRONIC OPHTHALMIA.

A.M.S. asks for suggestions for treating a case of chronic ophthalmia of several years' standing, with frequent attacks of acute muco-purulent ophthalmia. Zinc sulph., arg. nit., and lead lotions of various strengths, with tr. opii and belladonna, have been tried, but are useless. Ophthalmia is not common in the district.

ANSWERS.

A MEMBER (Derry).—The letter is a very proper one, conveying information of public importance.

COCAINE.

S. W.—The word cocaine or cocaïne is certainly a trisyllable, thus: co-ca-in. The pronunciation coc-kaine is illiterate.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUVAIN.

DR. F. MIVART states, in reply to "L.'s" query, that the University of Louvain admits to examination for the degree of M.D., without requiring residence or preliminary examination in Arts, foreigners who have already a university medical degree in their own country, or who are able to satisfy the medical faculty as to the genuineness and importance of their diplomas. The examination comprises all the subjects required at Brussels, but is in writing as well as *vivæ voce*. The examination is a severe one, and is conducted in French, no interpreter being allowed. The candidate must also present one or two theses, which have to be publicly sustained. The fee is about £22. This examination does not give a right to practise in Belgium, to obtain which additional tests must be passed, and residence at Louvain is also necessary.

NOTES, LETTERS, ETC.

ANNUAL MEETING IN DUBLIN.

THE name of Dr. A. Henderson, Glasgow, was omitted from the list of those who attended the meeting at Dublin.

A CORRECTION.

MR. KARL SCHALL's address is 86, Upper Ground Street, London, and not as stated in the JOURNAL of August 26th. After the end of this month it will be 55, Wigmore Street.

A SECOND DANIEL LAMBERT.

MR. R. POLLOCK, L.K.Q.C.P., etc., writes: I enclose you the photograph of rather an unusual subject. A short time back, happening to be at Dover, and hearing of the original, I paid him a visit. I found Thomas Longley a most respectable publican, who very willingly gave me every information as to his state of health, etc. I told him I should send his photograph to the JOURNAL, and he seemed very willing that I should do so—in fact, proud.

He tells me that his father and mother were not of an unusual size, and that as a baby he was not considered large, but that he has become so encumbered of late years that he has not been able to get about; and that now, although he is only 40 years of age, he has reached as many stone in weight. His height is 6 ft. 3 in. His feet trouble him so much that he cannot drive out, as he fears to break the carriage springs. He is very temperate, both in eating and drinking, and has never suffered from any ill-health of a serious nature.

WHO KILLED LORD DONERAILE?

DR. WILLIAM DONOVAN writes: Permit me to ask the above question. Was the fox-bite the cause? If so, well and good. Was the inoculation of rabid matter the cause of the rabies? How many hundreds of people are bitten year by year who do not go mad. Can we say without doubt whether any one of Pasteur's cases would have had hydrophobia, had they not been poisoned with matter containing the active cause of hydrophobia?

COMMUNICATIONS, LETTERS, ETC., HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM:

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BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED.

Hoblyn's Dictionary of Medical Terms and the Collateral Sciences. By the late Richard D. Hoblyn. Eleventh Edition. By J. A. P. Price, B.A., M.D. London: Whittaker and Co., and G. Bell and Sons. 1887.

The Principles of Antiseptic Methods applied to Obstetric Practice. By Dr. Paul Bar. Translated by Henry D. Fry, M.D. Philadelphia, U.S.A.: P. Blakiston and Co. 1887.

On the Animal Alkaloids, etc. By Sir William Aitken, Knt., M.D., F.R.S. London: H. K. Lewis. 1887.

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