

QUERIES.

A MEMBER wishes to learn how to obtain a colonial surgeoncy, such as surgeon to a railway, or other such appointment.

REMOVAL OF MOLE FROM THE FACE.

HENRY OGLESBY, L.R.C.P.Ed., M.R.C.S. (York), would be much obliged for advice as to the best method for the removal, with as little subsequent scarring as possible, of a mole, half an inch in diameter and a sixth of an inch in height, on the face of a lady.

TREATMENT OF EPILEPSY.

M.D. has been treating an intelligent boy, aged 8, for some months, who is suffering from the *petit mal*. He has from five to ten attacks daily. No treatment has made any perceptible difference as yet. Bromide of potassium, bromide of arsenic, valerianate of zinc have been administered, counter-irritants applied, and study of all kinds forbidden. The supposed cause was a fright. M.D. would be glad of any hints for treatment.

ANSWERS.

NOVA SCOTIA.—Dr. Illingworth's paper, read at Dublin, will be published shortly.

PRISON MEDICAL SERVICE.

GEORGE H. WHITAKER, L.R.C.P.S.Ed. (Horwich, Lancashire) writes: The poetry referred to by Dr. J. Jackson, in the JOURNAL of September 3rd, written by a prisoner upon the death of a surgeon in one of our convict establishments, will be found in the JOURNAL of July 5th, 1879.

MCDADE'S MIXTURE.

GEO. HERSCHELL, M.D.Lond., writes: In reply to "Hydrargyrum" I may say that I have tried McDade's mixture systematically for some months, but never with any appreciable results. In one or two cases the medicine did not agree, producing symptoms of stillingia poisoning. In my experience a thorough course of mercurial inunction, as carried out at Aachen, will often cure cases which are unaffected by the usual small doses of mercury and iodide given internally.

A. H. F. CAMERON, L.R.C.P.Ed., M.R.C.S. (Liverpool) writes: I believe the cases mentioned by "Hydrargyrum" may be cured by decoct. sarsa co., with or without stillingia sylvatica, provided it is freshly made and properly used; but no dependence is to be placed on concentrated infusions made by the wholesale chemist. If "Hydrargyrum" will send me his address, I will let him have a paper on the subject.

BOOK ON FOOD.

Z. asks for the names of the most recent and best works on food; the special qualities of various foods, and their suitability for various diseases, constitutions, etc.; diets for diseases, etc.

** We have referred this question to Dr. Lauder Brunton, who mentions Munk and Uffelmann's *Die Ernährung des Gesunden und Kranken Menschen* (Urban und Schwarzenberg, Wien and Leipzig), as containing all the information desired by our correspondent.

PHRENOLOGY.

H. M. DUNCAN, M.D.Lond. (South Hampstead) writes: If "Inquirer" (JOURNAL, September 3rd, p. 540) wishes to study the science of phrenology *ab initio*, he must procure the works of Gall and Spurzheim. Those of Dr. Gall have been translated by Dr. Winslow Lewis, six vols., 8vo., 30s. Dr. Spurzheim's works are: *Anatomy of the Brain*, 14s.; and *Phrenology; or, The Doctrines of the relation between Mind and Body*, 16s. These books, I believe, contain the earliest records of researches into the localisation of the cerebral structures and functions. Later and sufficiently exact treatises are: *A System of Phrenology*, by George Combe, brother of the late Dr. Andrew Combe; Longman and Co., London, and MacLachlan and Stewart, Edinburgh, were the publishers (21s.). A very useful practical treatise by J. de Ville, 367, Strand (price 3s. 6d.) should also be obtained. "Inquirer" will be pleased and greatly instructed by the perusal of these books, and I shall be happy to give him further information on this much neglected and (by mountebanks) much abused branch of psychological study.

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G. O. MCKANE, L.R.C.P.Ed. (Sunderland).—Notice of change of address should be sent by a medical practitioner to the Registrar of that Branch Council at which he was originally registered, that is, if registered in England, to W. J. C. Miller, Esq., 299, Oxford Street; if in Scotland, to J. Robertson, Esq., 4, Lindsay Place, Edinburgh; if in Ireland, to Dr. Heard, 35, Dawson Street, Dublin.

NOTES, LETTERS, ETC.

TRACHEAL CATHETERS.

AMERICAN SURGEON writes: In the JOURNAL of April 30th, 1887, is a report of the meeting of the Clinical Society of London. Mr. Bilton Pollard speaks of "difficulties in establishing natural respiration after tracheotomy."

Scarcely anyone who has ever filled the position of surgeon to a large hospital but has experienced the difficulties spoken of by Mr. Pollard. I have known one surgeon whose life was for a long time rendered miserable by the loud voice and threats of the father of a child who had undergone tracheotomy at the hospital, successfully as regards the saving of life, but in whom natural respiration was re-established only after the lapse of a long time. I well remember that the life of the surgeon was held in jeopardy by the fury of the father.

Will Mr. Pollard please tell the writer what a tracheal catheter is? In the next place, where one can be obtained?

CLINICAL INSTRUCTION IN FEVER CASES.

ROBERT RATTLE, Lic. Med. and Surg. Univ. Dub. (Accrington) writes: Under the above heading I read some statements about several licensing bodies in Ireland. May I be permitted to point out that the University of Dublin exacted a certificate of attendance on fever cases as long ago as 1873? This I know from personal knowledge. I also know that the Royal University in Ireland did not then exist, and I cannot find any trace of an acquaintance with fever being required by the Queen's University up to 1881.

With your concluding sentence I entirely agree. We "ought to be able to feel

that we have a friend," etc.; but till the medical officers of health are specialists, qualified for their work, and debarred from practice, the young practitioner had better work up his knowledge of fever, or seek advice from some older confidential friend, and not put too severe a strain on the honour of the medical officer of health.

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BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED.

Hydrophobia: an Account of M. Pasteur's System. By Renaud Suzor, M.B., C.M.Edin., M.D.Paris. Illustrated. London: Chatto and Windus. 1887.

The Animal Alkaloids, Ptomaines and Lencomaines. By A. M. Brown, M.D. London: Ballière, Tindall and Cox. 1887.

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