

EXAMINATIONS IN SANITARY SCIENCE.

DR. S. E. MOSTYN HOOPS.—Full particulars as to the time and place of examinations in sanitary science held by the various licensing bodies is given in the Educational Number, September 10th, page 593; see also September 17th, page 643.

CHEST TYPES.

DR. G. W. HAMBLETON writes in reply to a query from a correspondent: The paper on Chest Types was published in the *Lancet* of September 24th, and the substance of it appeared in *Science* of October 7th.

NOTES, LETTERS, ETC.

FOREIGN DEGREES.

HOMI SOIT writes: Your correspondent "Brussels" may be surprised to learn that there may be seen in the *Medical Directory* for 1886 the name of a graduate of a foreign university, who, not content with the degree which that university conferred upon him, has also invented for himself an additional degree, of which he must be the sole living representative, for I have been at the trouble of ascertaining that no such degree is in existence. Surely the publishers of the *Medical Directory* need no further justification.

** The conditions insisted on by the compilers of the *Medical Directory* in order to determine the *bona fides* of foreign diplomas and their British holders appear to us to be reasonable, just, and obviously useful; nor do we see why any right minded man holding a legitimate diploma need feel hurt by the enforcing of precautions obviously as useful and protective to himself as they are to the profession and the public.

HARE-LIP PINS.

DR. J. TAYLOR (Ticehurst) writes: In removal of the lower lip for epithelioma two pins are generally required, and these made of steel; it is usually necessary to remove them about the third day; the parts are then not sufficiently united to be safely left without some support. Plaster is generally used, which is a most unsatisfactory material in this situation; the laxity of the parts, the discharge, the salivary secretion, and the growing beard, all tend to render it a thing to be avoided. I would suggest that the hare-lip pins be perforated at a certain distance from their knobs, which would allow a piece of silver wire to be passed through them; the pin, when withdrawn, would carry the wire in its track; it might then be twisted and left *in situ* till union had become sufficiently firm, thus doing away with the necessity of plaster entirely.

NEW REMEDIES.

DR. WM. WOODWARD (Worcester) writes: Will you allow me to call attention to the advantage of giving in a few lines any case where some of the new remedies have had a beneficial effect? I have myself met with three lately which may be worth recording: one in which urethan gr. v produced a good night's sleep without any after ill effects, a great advantage with narcotics; another where gr. x of the same drug gave nine hours' good sleep. The urethan in each case was from Burroughs, Wellcome and Co., in gr. v tablets. A third well marked case was one of delirium tremens in a female patient, in which the beneficial effect was produced by gr. ss of ext. cannabis indicæ being added to the higher dose of a strong narcotic mixture which had been given previously without the slightest effect. After giving the one dose with the Indian hemp the patient slept eight or nine hours, and awoke practically well.

THE POST-GRADUATE COURSE, EDINBURGH.

DR. P. M. CARLETON (Surgeon Army Medical Staff) writes: Will you kindly permit me, through your columns, to pay a personal tribute to the excellence of the series of lectures recently delivered in the post-graduate course, Edinburgh, and to the attention and courtesy of those professors and teachers of the Edinburgh School whose co-operation contributed to make it so successful?

Such a course serves to open the eyes of graduates who have been for some years resident abroad to the rapid strides which medical science has made, even in a few years, illustrating what Sir James Paget, in his richest strains of eloquence, said the other day: "The progress of knowledge is with increasing velocity." And it is not the actual work done alone, it is the enthusiasm and devotion of those earnest and untiring pioneers, which communicate themselves to the lagging spirit, which summon us to be up and doing in the cause of progress, and makes each one anxious to contribute his quota, however humble, to the advancement of our profession.

REQUISCAT IN PACE: AN ACROSTIC.

R est, peaceful rest from life's incessant toil,
I n sure and certain hope thy eyelids close
C almy profound, no discord here nor moil
H eath force to rouse thee from thy hushed repose
A nd science long shall bless thy honoured name,
R esplendent in anatomy's wide sphere.
D eath takes not all—the trumpet tongue of fame
Q uells sorrow's flood above thy sunless bier.
U pon thy grave a wreath I fain would lay,
A ll amaranth in scent and pristine bloom.
I n earth thy ashes wait, but no decay
N or change thy spirit feels, nor shade of mortal gloom.

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