

QUERIES.

HOME FOR AN UNMANAGEABLE GIRL.

A DISTRESSED PARENT would be glad to hear of any institution—or, better still, of some respectable family in the country—which would take charge of a girl, aged 10, who is not deficient in intelligence, but who has been sent home from school as unmanageable, and who has been pronounced by two eminent alienists to be utterly wanting in moral sense. It is hoped that a rough outdoor life, far from home associations, would be beneficial. The terms must be as low as possible.

ANSWERS.

B.—We regret to be unable to offer any suggestion. Perhaps application to the agents general in London for Queensland or Tasmania might furnish information as to likely places in which to settle, or an appointment might be sought on some of the lines of steamers running to suitable ports. The Colonial Office will supply a document setting forth the conditions under which the colonial medical services can be entered.

NOTES, LETTERS, ETC.

SELF-HELP FOR HOSPITALS.

A MEMBER WHO SUFFERS FROM TOO MUCH HOSPITALISM writes: "Miserable Dictu" is not logical. If the medical men attached to private dispensaries are deserving of the charge of "gross ignorance, incapacity, and carelessness," that is a reason why the medical boards which licensed them should either be suppressed, or compelled to properly test their knowledge, and not give qualifications to grossly ignorant and incapable men; or, if the men are not qualified, then they should be prevented from acting as medical men, no matter whether they call their place of business dispensary, surgery, or club. Of course, it would be a very good thing if all small fees could be done away with, but how is a trades unionism to be established that will prevent any medical men from charging a less fee than "2s. 6d. for advice and medicine, with certificates, etc., thrown in?" And what is to become of those who cannot pay this small fee? Are they to go to swell the out-patient paupers of the hospitals, or are they to have a bill which they will never pay? As to "Miserable Dictu" reasons for suppressing private dispensaries—namely, first a case of diphtheria in a room "destitute of the barest necessities," and inefficient nursing, one would think he had a bad chance of getting his half-crown fee in such a case. And, as to his third reason—the statement about the tumour containing "blood and matter"—if he has had any experience among this class of patient, he must know that it is very unwise to accept the patient's statement as to what was told her, as these people put their own construction on their ailments, and father their statements on the doctor. As to the instances of mistaken diagnosis being a reason for suppressing these dispensaries, I might give cases where leading hospital men have made as gross mistakes as any quoted. I have seen a carotid aneurysm poulticed, and have been called in the evening to a woman who was miscarrying at three months who had been to hospital in the morning, and had a sound introduced and a ring pessary fitted, she being told she had a displacement. And in what fever hospital could the medical officers not tell of dozens of cases of pneumonia, delirium tremens, and meningitis that are sent in as typhoid or typhus?

I know it is not fashionable to champion private dispensaries, but there are quite as many well qualified men attached to them as there are men with only L.S.A., or some such insufficient qualification, these men, being compelled, by the hospitals attending gratuitously a fourth of the population, to adopt these small fees, and thus make a living, no matter how poor, so long as it keeps them out of the bankruptcy courts.

The hospitals must either abandon their out-patient department, except to accidents and urgent cases, or the medical schools should shut up for at least five years, and thus diminish the number of medical men who are cutting each other's throats, and often doing that in a very ungentlemanly manner.

AN APPEAL.

WE desire again to call attention to the appeal printed on June 23rd, p. 1368, to enable a medical man of good position, who has been reduced to destitution through no fault of his own, to buy a small practice and make a living for himself and wife. Contributions may be sent to Dr. Farquharson, M.P., Migvie Lodge, Porchester Gardens, W., or to Mr. Marmaduke Sheild, F.R.C.S., 20, Stratford Place. Subscriptions have been received from Sir William Jenner, Sir James Paget, Sir Joseph Lister, Sir Andrew Clark, Sir Prescott Hewitt, Sir Spencer Wells, and others. Further subscriptions are still needed. Since the last insertion of this appeal, the following subscriptions have been received:

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UNIONIST writes: I think before the Irish Corporations made the noise they are doing, they should look at home. If they did so they would see that the Licentates of Dublin College of Surgeons, are alone entitled to hold the post of surgeon to an Irish county infirmary. It is not so many years ago that an M.R.C.S.Eng. was removed from the surgery of the Co. Kerry Infirmary, at the suit of an L.R.C.S.I.

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