BOOKS ON VACCINATION.

S. W. C. and Dr. W. W.—Mr. Ernest Hart's *Truth about Vaccination* has long been out of print. A good recent book is *Vaccination Vindicated*, by Dr. J. C. McVail, published by Messrs. Cassell and Co., Belle Sauvage Yard, Ludgate Hill, E.C.

TREATMENT OF CORNS.

DR. C. MCDERMOTT (Ennistimon) writes: If "M.R.C.S." will try a saturated solution of salicylic acid in flexible collodion, he will find it excellent. I paint the corns twice a day. It takes about twelve days for their complete removal.

NOTES, LETTERS, ETC.

MESSRS. CLARK, BUNNETT, and Co., Limited, of Rathbone Place, are constructing three hydraulic lifts for the new addition to Guy's Hospital.

MEDICAL PROVISION AGAINST SICKNESS.

EIGHT members were reported on the sick list of the Medical Sickness Assurance Society, and payments of £171 7s. 6d. for the month of October on account of such sickness, at the meeting held at 38, Wimpole Street, on Wednesday, November 14th. The illnesses included cases of locomotor disease, lung disease (2), paralysis, diphtheria, erysipelas, two cases of accident (one from injury on a night visit in the dark, and the other from the smashing of a hackney cab). Investment was ordered of a sum of £2,000 in Natal Government 4 per Cent. Stock, leaving a current balance at the bank of upwards of £1,000. The total reserves were stated to amount to upwards of £26,000. The Secretary was instructed to proceed with the necessary preparations for the first quinquennial valuation, which will be made by Mr. Neeson. All the funds were shown to be in a condition of prosperity. Full particulars, copies of reports and tables, and proposal forms are forwarded free of cost on application to the Secretary, Mr. C. J. Radley, 26, Wynne Road, Brixton, London, S.W.

ALLEGED DANGER OF INUNCTION IN SCARLET FEVER.

DR. JOSHUA W. RENSHAW (Stretford) writing with reference to the practice of anointing the skin of patients suffering from scarlet fever with carbolic ointment—a practice which is objected to by many practitioners, who fear that the carbolic acid absorbed by the skin will act as a renal irritant—says: I have for nearly twenty years used a solution of two drachms of Calvert's medicinal carbolic acid in a pint of olive oil, as a disinfectant to the skin of scarlet fever patients, continuing the application from the fourth day of the rash until desquamation is complete. I have never seen any ill-effects from it, and am sure it has frequently prevented the spread of the fever to other members of the family. See JOURNAL, 1879, "On the Prevention of Scarlet Fever." If there is any fear of carbolic acid, why not use a solution of "salufer" in water?

THE NAIL-BRUSH SUPERSEDED.

D. H. G. writes: The "indispensable" nail-brush has been often mentioned in the JOURNAL; and an article by a German on the various germs found under dirty nails has led me to wish to give the other side of the question, after having discarded the use of the nail-brush for between forty and fifty years; with this experience, that my nails are always clean.

I simply, when I wash my hands, get a good quantity of soap under my nails, and clean them with the others, and so the skin beneath the nails is kept smooth, and not roughened by a brush into traps to catch dirt. I find when my hands are soiled from dusty knockers, etc., my nails are still clean.

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