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THE following additional amounts have been received in answer to an appeal published in the JOURNAL of July 20th, on behalf of Dr. Jones, of Edmonston:

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Further contributions may be sent to Dr. J. W. Hunt, 101, Queen's Road, Dalston, N.E. Dr. Jones's expenses were over £80.

POST-GRADUATE COURSE IN LONDON.

DR. VINCENT D. HARRIS (Physician to the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park), writes: With reference to the letter of "Scientia," in the JOURNAL of August 3rd, on the subject of post-graduate courses in London, may I be permitted to draw attention to the fact that the practice of the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park, is about to be opened to practitioners, as well as to students, for systematic instruction in the diagnosis and treatment of chest diseases, on the payment of a small fee?

The hospital, as is well known, has a very large practice, both in-patient and out-patient. With it have been associated in the past the honoured names of Peacock, Risdon Bennett, Andrew, Erichsen, and others, and our present highly respected senior physician, Dr. Thorowgood, has long been connected with it.

It must be confessed, however, that hitherto the traditions of the hospital have not been to encourage systematic clinical teaching. The Committee of Management have this year, at the request of the Medical Committee (strongly urged thereto by Dr. Heron), consented that the unsurpassed clinical material shall in the future be made available for teaching purposes.

It will thus be seen that another of the largest special hospitals is opened to gentlemen who, like "Scientia," "feel the need of a brushing up" in certain of the subjects connected with clinical medicine.

ARSENICAL POISONING AND COMMON SENSE.

SURGEON-MAJOR N. ALCOCK, M.S. (Military Prison, Dublin) writes: Having regard to the cases of poisoning by arsenic which have occurred during recent years by accident or design, it would seem a common-sense precaution that all tasteless poisons should be mixed with some innocuous substance of a distinct taste. This might be made congenial to the palate of the rat, and such as would not interfere with the condition-powders of the horse-coper. It would go far towards preventing those of weak moral nature being led into temptation.

POLYCLINIC.

MR. RUSHTON PARKER (Liverpool) writes: Your employment and correct spelling of the word "polycliniques," in the Occasional Column of the JOURNAL of August 3rd, 1889, p. 262, gives opportunity to furnish an additional paragraph of literary interest in attempting to settle the spelling of the second syllable, which on English and American pages appears to be more often wrong than right. Even in Dr. Byrom Bramwell's excellent *Studies in Clinical Medicine*, No. 1, p. 1, "polyclinic" appears. The term first came to my notice in German periodicals, and, owing to inattention to the spelling, was erroneously supposed by me to mean "composite," or "promiscuous" clinic (as if from *πολύς*, many), until a German friend reminded me that it means "town" clinic (*πόλις*), that is, out-patient department. Whether the word "polyclinic" should be used at all or not I do not pretend to advise, but a little advertising may at least serve to extinguish its illiterate substitute "polyclinic."

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