

### "HAVE I DONE MY DUTY?"

X. Y. Z. writes: Will anyone kindly give the particulars of how to bring a patient under the influence of ether in from a minute and a half to three minutes with an expenditure of only half an ounce of ether, or name a book in which the information can be found?

### THE WEIR-MITCHELL TREATMENT.

AN OLD SUBSCRIBER writes: I shall be glad if you will allow me to ask through the medium of your columns for information as to where I can send a girl, who is suffering from hysterical eclampsia, for the purpose of undergoing the "Weir-Mitchell" treatment, and as to terms. She is the daughter of a tradesman in reduced circumstances, and could not afford to pay very much.

### TREATMENT OF WORMS.

A MEMBER writes: I have a troublesome case of seat worms on my list; and after trying infusion of quassia, salt and water, ung. hydrarg., ung. thymol, and weak solutions of ferri perchlor. locally, and santonin by mouth, and failing to eradicate them, I write to see if any member will kindly suggest some more efficient remedy than I can think of.

### PAIN OVER TUBER ISCHII IN RIDING.

ANTLER writes: I have been consulted by a young lady, who complains that she suffers pain, which is attended by swelling and tenderness, over the right tuber ischii, after riding on horseback. I presume that this is due to tension in a bursa at this point, and that the most effectual way of treating it will be to prevent pressure on it in future. I shall be grateful to any of your readers who can give a hint as to the best way of relieving the pressure, either by making a small hollow in the saddle to receive the point of bone, or by an arrangement of padding to transfer the weight of the body to the surrounding soft parts.

### ANSWERS.

#### EXAMINATION FOR THE M.R.C.S. DIPLOMA.

"M.D., B.Ch. Univ. Dub." will find full information as to the subjects of examination and the fees payable for the Membership of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in the *Medical Directory* (J. and A. Churchill), p. 334 *et seq.* The dates of examination are published from time to time in the medical journals. For further information application should be made to the Secretary, E. Trimmer, Esq., Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.

#### EXAMINATION FOR THE F.R.C.S.I.

A PRACTITIONER.—There are no books which are specially recommended. Such books as would prepare a candidate for any high class examination are sufficient.

#### THE M.D. BRUSSELS.

"M.B., C.M."—Full information on the conditions and subjects of examination, fees, dates, etc., was given in the *JOURNAL* of September 15th, 1888, p. 634. Dr. Warwick C. Steele, of 1 Florence Terrace, Baling, Honorary Secretary of the Association of Brussels Graduates, would no doubt supply any further information that might be required.

#### "HISTORY OF CHEMISTRY."

F. C.—Without further details than those given it is impossible to answer the question.

#### TREATMENT OF CHRONIC FEMALE INEBRIATES OF THE POORER CLASSES.

MR. S. G. SLOMAN, JUN.—We are unable to supply the information. The simplest plan to obtain it would be to write to the managers of the various institutions appearing in our advertising columns.

### NOTES, LETTERS, ETC.

#### THE TITLE OF DOCTOR.

NOT AN M.D. writes: It seems a pity that this pot does not boil over and scald the fingers of those who are keeping it in a state of ebullition. Many medical men who, like myself, are buried, so to speak, in outlandish regions, would relish reading something of a more practical nature in the *JOURNAL*. Some may feel aggrieved at not possessing an M.D., but I can assure them that there is nothing in it. The real fault or mistake lies in this, that the majority of students, when entering the profession, have not the slightest idea as to what degree or diploma they are to receive as a reward for their industry until they have spent, perhaps, one or two years in study; should it then dawn upon them, they find it inconvenient to change to a University.

Now, as regards "Doctor" the word has become a household one, and any qualified man is, I should think, quite as much entitled to be called doctor as he is to be called a medical man. For instance, in a case of sudden illness, the thought is to run for a doctor; you never hear anyone saying, run for a mister, or go for an esquire. No; it is run for the doctor; it matters not whether he be L.S.A., L.R.C.P., M.D., or anything else.

Upon one occasion, when having a brass plate made for my door, bearing the inscription "Physician and Surgeon," a gentleman of high standing in Liverpool, seeing it, observed, "I did not know that you were a physician." Having explained, he replied, "Well, I thought you were only a doctor"—(I presume he meant only an M.D.). I have since learned from several that a physician is considered higher than a doctor, and, in fact, thought more of; consequently, I should think that licentiates would do more to strengthen their position by adopting the title of physician and discarding that of doctor altogether. If our Colleges of Physicians are to be so much despised, why is it that so many M.D.'s do not feel satisfied with their degree, but fly sooner or later for the diplomas of one or more Colleges of Physicians?

In conclusion, let me ask why physicians and surgeons have not their qualification placed upon the wrapper of their *JOURNAL* instead of Esquire. Does it also consider us something to be despised? This may seem a very trifling point, but I can assure you that it is a very great injustice to us; for instance, in this colony (New South Wales) quacks are rampant, and the town in which I now reside formerly had three unqualified men engaged in practice. My *JOURNAL* comes by post with the usual Esq., and nothing more; the postmaster observes, "Here is a medical paper coming to the doctor with only Esq.; he must be another of these unqualified men, or else his qualifications would surely appear." I feel sure the matter has only to be pointed out to be rectified, and thank goodness I am not an M.D.

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