CLUBS AND THEIR DOCTORS.

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** There are no special privileges for the societies in such cases, they being bound by the ordinary law and custom in the same manner as any other legal organisation. Under these it appears prima facie that the quarterly payment would create a quarterly appointment, and give the right to one quarter's notice. Much would, of course, depend on any local rules of the society. Further, it is important to know whether the demand for an alteration of the rates was made as immediate, or after three months' notice. If it were to take effect at once the society would have a justification for its action.

NOTES, LETTERS, Etc.

SEA-SICKNESS.

MR. J. BRINDLEY JAMES (Jamaica Road, S.E.) writes: Referring to the able article in the British Medical Journal of July 25th, I fully sale article in the British Medical Journal of July 25th, I fully share its approbation of the really useful book, alike instructive and practical, lately published by Dr. O. Rosenbach, of Breslau, on scasickness, and it is, therefore, in no invidious or carping spirit of depreciation of a work from the pen of so eminent a master that, in strict regard for justice, I beg to invite publicity to the fact that a no less able countryman of our own, Dr. Dutton, a valued member of the British Medical Association, has also published before now a highly practical and interesting work on the same subject, which has already passed through two editions, and on the merits of which he has been complimented by no less an authority than Dr. Rosenbach himself, although I do not at present remember any review of Dr. Dutton's excellent treatise on Sea-sickness appearing therein. I think, therefore, it is but an act of atonement to our own fellow-countryman to invite attention on the part of the reading public to this same work, which is published by Baillière, Tindall and Cox.

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A Medical Night Service.

Mr. J. Brindley James (Jamaica Road, S.E.) writes: Your correspondent "L.," in the British Medical Road, S.E.) writes: Your correspondent a medical night service, analogous to the measures long since organised to that effect in Paris and also in New York, having already myself—when some years since I read a paper before the British Medical Association at their annual meeting, then held at Dublin, on Hospital Organisation—raised the question in the public interest.

Organisation in this matter is even more needed than funds. Let each police station be provided (1) with a recognised signal (red light or otherwise), intimating "apply here for assistance in sudden sickness or accident:" (2) with a list of all the medical practitioners of the district, each of whom should in a due order of rotation be summoned thither in any such emergency, on the understanding that his fee, in default of the patient's ability to do so, will be paid him out of the public purse. This would press heavily neither on the professon—who would soon ascertain when each practitioner's order of rotation came due, and whose payment from the patient, when solvent, could be enforced by the police; neither on the taxpayer, who surely would not begrudge the very infinitesimal share he might have to bear in assisting exceptional cases of distress—mere drops in the ocean of our teeming population; while the general benefit to the public at large and the interests of humanity thus guaranteed are so obvious that they need no further comment on my part. need no further comment on my part.

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