

DIPLOMA OF PUBLIC HEALTH: CONJOINT BOARD IN ENGLAND.
G. F. O.—Information as to books to read for the D.P.H. will be found in the Students' Number of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL.

THE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION IN ARTS.
CLASSICS can hear of exactly what he requires by applying to "Physician 2,866," BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL office.

SURGICAL TREATMENT OF PERFORATION IN TYPHOID.
MR. GEORGE WILLETT (Keynsham) writes: "Surgeon I.M.S.," in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of August 22nd, asks for information regarding surgical procedures in perforation in enteric fever. He will find an article on this subject under heading "Typhoid Fever" in the *Medical Annual* (Simpkin, Marshall, and Co.) for 1890, page 493.

MEDICAL ETIQUETTE.
SINCERITY.—Dr. Jukes De Styrap's *Code of Medical Ethics* (J. and A. Churchill) would probably suit our correspondent's purpose.

THE WHEY CURE.
F. T. B.—Notices of the whey cure can be found in Dr. Burney Yeo's *Food in Health and Disease* (Cassell's Clinical Manuals), and in Macpherson's *Baths and Wells of Europe*.

MATERIA MEDICA SPECIMENS.
IF "Student," who wishes to procure specimens of all the organic substances of the vegetable materia medica will communicate his address he may probably be put in the way of obtaining what he wants.

AMBULANCE LECTURES.
DR. JAMES MAUGHAN.—There are very many good books for ambulance lectures. One of the best is *Accidental Injuries*, by James Cantlie, published by William Clowes and Son, Charing Cross. Price 1s. 6d. The manual of the St. John Ambulance Association—*First Aid to the Injured*—and *Aid to the Injured and Sick*, published for the National Health Society, are both good. Diagrams may be obtained from the St. John Ambulance Association, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell; from the National Health Society, 53, Berners Street, W.; or from Allman and Son, 67, New Oxford Street. Bandages and splints are easily made, or they can be obtained from St. John's Gate.

NOTES, LETTERS, Etc.

ERRATUM.—In the memorandum on "Sulfaminol," which appeared in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of August 25th, p. 476, for "Werck" read "Merck."

THE DANGERS OF CHLOROFORM.
DR. A. HANBURY FREER (Fitzinghall) writes: I was extremely glad to see Dr. Foy's protest against any attempt to deprive members of the medical profession of the right of private judgment. I have always been under the impression that the dangers of chloroform are from too little chloroform—in other words, from maladministration. It must always be a matter of private judgment, the choice of an anesthetic. I wonder what Dr. O'Callaghan would say if someone were to work for and obtain "complete prohibition" of the rectangular position in the treatment of fractures about the elbow joint?

DIFFICULTIES OF NOTIFICATION IN THE STATES.
MEDICAL dovesots in France are considerably fluttered by the clause in the proposed new law which provides for the notification of all cases of infectious disease by the doctor in whose practice they may occur. Practitioners complain that, while the executive will exact heavy penalties for any neglect to comply with this law, the patients will prosecute them for breach of professional confidence—which is a very serious matter in France—if they obey it. The situation is still more complicated in the United States. The following dialogue, which we extract from an American contemporary, will serve to give an idea of the disagreeable dilemma in which the practitioner finds himself between the law and the citizen for whose benefit it is supposed to exist:—

First doctor: "Got back already from Arizona?" Second doctor: "Yes; I don't like it out there." "What's the matter?" "If you have a case of small-pox and don't report it to the Board of Health, you are fined and imprisoned; if you do, the relatives fill you full of buckshot. It ain't a healthy country for a young doctor."

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BOOKS, Etc., RECEIVED.

Illustrated Lectures on Ambulance Work. By R. Lawton Roberts, M.D. Fourth Edition. London: H. K. Lewis. 1891.
The Operations of Surgery. By W. H. A. Jacobson, M.A., M.B., M.Ch., F.R.C.S. Second Edition. London: J. and A. Churchill. 1891.

Die Hauttransplantation nach Thiersch. Von Dr. Max Jungengel, mit zwei Tafeln. Würzburg: Verlag und Druck Der Stakl'schen K. Hof- und Universitäts-Buch und Kunsthandlung. 1891.

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