

ARMY MEDICAL OFFICERS AND PRESIDENCY OF BOARDS.—SIR: By the report of the proceedings of the deputation of the Metropolitan Counties Branch, which had an interview with H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge in reference to the state of the Medical Department of the Army, it appears that the practical application of Clause XVII of the Royal Medical Warrant of 1858 is objected to by His Royal Highness, because the presidency of army surgeons, even at sanitary boards, would be subversive of military discipline. Allow me to suggest that the inquiry should be made, whether the fact of army Surgeons in India presiding on Committees and Boards not purely military, was ever found to interfere with the discipline of the Indian army. By the Indian code of military regulations, it was ordered that in all mixed committees, the senior officer, according to date of commission, whatever branch of the army he belonged to, should act as President; and this rule was always applied, until lately. I never heard of discipline being weakened by it. I am, etc., HINDOSTAN.

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Erratum, July 9th. Read J. Clark, Esq. (Shoreditch), £1:1, instead of £1.

I am, etc., ROBERT FOWLER, M.D.,
Treasurer and Hon. Sec.

145, Bishopsgate Street Without, July 20th, 1864.

THERAPEUTICAL INQUIRY. No. V. JAUNDICE.—SIR: Would you kindly request those of our associates who have not yet returned to me their Schedules, to favour me by doing so without delay?

I am, etc., GEORGE HARLEY, M.D.
77, Harley Street, Cavendish Square, July 1864.

PROFESSIONAL ADVERTISEMENTS.—Our attention has been called to an advertisement in the *Lincoln Gazette*.

"Medical Notice. Mr. Thomas Elkanah Hoyle, Surgeon, etc., begs to inform the public that he attends midwifery cases for 10s. 6d. Mr. Hoyle has had great experience in diseases of women and children.

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Closely below it, in the same journal, we find the following notice.

"J. Jackson, senr., bone-setter, will attend the Little Peacock, Boston, every Wednesday, from Eleven to Three o'clock.
"Fosdyke Fen, December 1st, 1864."

The bone-setter does not mention his fee. We hope that he sustains the dignity of his art by taking only the legitimate and consecrated fee.

CHLOROFORM.—SIR: Questions have been recently asked, whether chloroform is useful or a safe remedy in epilepsy. As the work of Dr. Snow placed a ban upon it from a theoretic point of view, it will be of advantage, in your practical and useful JOURNAL, to direct attention to a very extended and detailed examination of several cases of epilepsy treated in that manner, to be found in the excellent work of Dr. Reynolds. Some medical bookshop prejudice prevents the cases being noticed; but they are very important. Chloroform is, on the other hand, very dangerous in chorea and delirium tremens; as in the former that part of the brain which presides over emotion and respiration is weakened already, and chloroform extinguishes life.

It is asked how to use eau de Cologne mixture and chloroform. The best plan is about equal parts or perhaps one-third of the former to two-thirds of the latter, sprinkled separately on a napkin folded and pinned in shape of a cone. If they are mixed in a bottle, I now find the water of the eau de Cologne delays evaporation too much of the chloroform.

I am, etc., CHARLES KIDD, M.D.
Sackville Street, June 24th, 1864.

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from:—Dr. JAMES RUSSELL; Mr. R. S. FOWLER; Dr. MOORHEAD; A MEMBER AB INTIO: Mr. H. WILSON; Mr. J. I. IKIN; Mr. S. WOOD; Mr. W. ENDOWES; Dr. HARLEY; Dr. E. W. PRITCHARD; Mr. TIMOTHY HOLMES; Dr. G. M. HUMPHRY; Dr. E. L. ORMEROD; Dr. A. RANSOME; Dr. THOMPSON; Dr. FLEMING; Dr. BUDD; Mr. WILLIAM CONEY; and Mr. PICK.

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