

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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CORRESPONDENTS, who wish notice to be taken of their communications, should authenticate them with their names—of course not necessarily for publication.

S. G.—A correspondent wishes to know who were the gentlemen who signed Mr. Fergusson's nomination-paper for the Council of the College of Surgeons. Their names are given in the *London Gazette* of June 16th, 1861, and are as follows:—John Erichsen; James Ranald Martin; George Beaman; Henry Haynes Walton; William Adams; Henry Smith.

H. T.—In your "Correspondent's notes", there is a remark about "assistant-surgeons" and "honorary assistant-surgeons" to volunteer companies. The distinction is important. A certain number of "companies" of volunteers are entitled to an "assistant-surgeon", who receives pay if called out; a larger number, to a "full surgeon"; and so on. But a single company is not entitled to a medical officer. There are many such companies isolated in country districts; and as the men like to have a doctor, the War-Office grants one, but he must be an honorary assistant-surgeon; and, in the event of being called out, he could not claim pay, as the companies would be drafted into regiments, and come under the regimental surgeons in proper proportion.

PERINEUM OR PERINEUM?—A correspondent upholds, that the word perineum should be spelt perineum. "He is aware that in Mayne's Medical and Latin Dictionaries generally, it is spelt perineum; but it is of Greek origin—from *περίνέω*. Besides, Mr. Erasmus Wilson, Fleetwood Churchill, Professor Simpson, and other authorities, spell it perineum; and even Mayne admits that in English, the structure is 'the perineum'."

A REMINDER.—The following delicate reminder to her medical man by Materfamilias, has been sent us:—"Honoured Sir: I trust you will pardon the liberty of addressing you; but as we expect an increase in our family in the early part of August, I thought this would be the better way of informing you that I should feel obliged for your kind attention as at other times.

"Yours humbly and respectfully, L. B."

SPECIAL HOSPITALS.—SIR: In your report of the discussion on Special Hospitals at Canterbury, I am reported to have stated that "a vast amount of injury was done by special hospitals to the medical profession." I expressed no opinion upon the subject; but simply referred to the great injury inflicted upon the profession by the admission of patients, to both general and special hospitals, who are not fit objects of charity.

I am, etc., EDWARD SMITH.

16, Queen Anne Street, W., August 3rd, 1861.

CORRECTION.—At line 7 of the report of Dr. Evanson's speech, in the second column of p. 123 of last number, the following should be substituted:—"A disease is not a single thing, like its name; nor to be removed by a single remedy, as a cure. Dr. Evanson knew of no cure for any disease; but he knew of no disease that might not be cured. In the treatment of disease, however, the powers of nature must be taken into account as well as the efficacy of medicines."

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PHILIP H. WILLIAMS, M.D., *General Secretary.*

Worcester, August 1861.

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BOOKS RECEIVED.

1. Homeopathy: a Delusion and a Snare. By *Stephen Monckton, M.D. London and Maidstone: 1861.
2. Fifth Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs. Presented to both Houses of Parliament by command of Her Majesty. London: 1861.
3. Cottage Asylums: A Sequel. By *W. A. F. Browne, M.D. London: 1861.
4. The Clinical Teaching of Psychology. A Valedictory Address. By J. C. Browne, L.R.C.S.Ed. Edinburgh: 1861.

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