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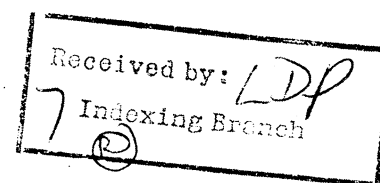
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"Ernest Newman said/Next week, Schumann/But, when next week came,/It was Wagner just the same." Thus the cleriheo about a Wagner obsessed music critic of *The Sunday Times*. Readers might say the same about medical ethics and the *BMJ*. Certainly this week we have calls for a national medical ethics committee by the King's team, who underwent ordeal by media last summer (p 251), and by Peter Byrne, who asks for a European perspective (p 218). Another repetitive theme must be Britain's dismal

immunisation figures, with two correspondents pointing to the negative role of doctors in giving parents the wrong advice (p 257). But dismal news has to be put into perspective—of that from China (p 269), where Melanie Abas and Jeremy Broadhead observed the events in Tiananmen Square at first hand. Finally thanks to the correspondents who had told me of last week's blunder by Monday morning: it was Mary ("Bloody") Tudor, not Mary Queen of Scots, who inspired the PPRCP.