

Queries, answers, and communications relating to subjects to which special departments of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL are directed will be found under their respective headings.

QUERIES.

DR. BOND (Gloucester) would be glad to know if there is any work giving details of the arrangement, cost, etc., of the construction of cottage hospitals for general purposes other than that by Sir H. Burdett?

A. D. H. L.—The memorial as to fees to medical witnesses has been transmitted to the Home Secretary, and an official acknowledgement of its receipt received.

FORCEPS asks for information as to where he can get some practical instruction in the use of the midwifery forceps. He is fully qualified, and has a diploma in midwifery.

D. C. E. would be glad to know the best bicycle saddle for a man with chronic prostatitis, said to be of a gouty nature. He would probably be benefited by cycling if pressure on the perineum is avoided.

H. S. S. would like to know of any institution, preferably within twenty miles of London, to which a young lady suffering from phthisis could be sent for open-air treatment. A statement of inclusive terms is also solicited.

M.D. will be much obliged for advice about a stove for a consulting room. He has had the "Salamander" recommended, also Pither's "Radiant" stove. Would it answer to burn coke in these, as anthracite cannot be obtained in small quantities and he has no storage for it? Gas stoves are not satisfactory.

ANSWERS.

D. P. H.—Lantern slides of bacteria may be obtained from Messrs. C. Baker and Son, 244, High Holborn, who have a good list. A number of very good slides may also be obtained from negatives taken by the late Mr. Coghill. These at present are in the charge of Mr. Doudney, Examination Hall, Victoria Embankment, W.C.

SENEC.—The Secretary to the Society of Apothecaries of London informs us that there is no exemption from any part of the Final Examination. Candidates will be excused any or all of the subjects of the Primary Examination on producing evidence that they have passed an equivalent examination before an Examining Board recognised by the Society.

A MEMBER.—The question is one for an actuary. The usual law in purchasing is two years' purchase when a practice is transferred, one year when the previous holder is dead; other matters are private arrangements. The payment of £1,500 for a practice worth £1,140 per annum with a six months' introduction seems *prima facie* favourable to the purchaser. If the purchase money is paid down at once the vendor might be entitled to half the earnings so long as he remains at his post. Half the earnings should cover every demand up to the twelve months. This must all be private arrangement.

G. C. P.—A short account of the various London Hospitals to which medical schools are attached will be found in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, 1895, vol. 1, p. 1388 and p. 1451, under the head of "Medical Institutions in London." Historical accounts are prefixed to most of the calendars or prospectuses issued by the medical schools at the beginning of every winter session, and additional details can often be found in the earlier volumes of the Reports of each hospital. The *History of Guy's Hospital*, by Sir Samuel Wilks and Mr. Bettany, is already published. Dr. Payne and the late Mr. Rendle have written much about the early history of St. Thomas's, whilst Sir James Paget, Dr. Norman Moore, the late Mr. Marrant Baker, and Mr. D'Arcy Power have contributed to the history of St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

APPOINTMENTS AND THE VALUE OF PRACTICES.

O'N.—It is scarcely possible to give a direct answer to our correspondent's question, as we should find great difficulty in defining either the ethical or the legitimate limits of "expectations." It is not clear from the speech to which our attention is directed that either candidate had really promised to pay something to the former holder of the office, but it is quite a common thing for practices to be sold at a price depending in part upon the purchaser securing the vendor's paid appointments, and this is a custom which we are not prepared to condemn.

NOTES, LETTERS, Etc.

ERRATUM.—Under the heading "Contract Medical Practice," which appeared in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of October 1st, page 992, the town mentioned should have been "Tunbridge Wells," not "Tunbridge."

A CORRECTION.—**DR. HEMINGTON PEGLER** (Welbeck Street, W.), writes in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of October 1st a speech is published under my name upon the subject of Life Assurance and Aural Disease, which I did not utter. Though present during the discussion I did not take part in it.

A LIBRARIAN'S APPEAL.

M^r L. M. GRIFFITHS, M.R.C.S., the Honorary Librarian of the Bristol Medical Library, University College, Bristol, writes: We are anxious to get the following numbers. We should be very grateful if you would make it known through the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL. *Journal of Anatomy and Physiology*: Vol. 1, pt. 2, May, 1867; vol. 11, November, 1867, May, 1868; vol. 7, November, 1870, May, 1871; vol. vi, pt. 2, May, 1872; vol. vii, November, 1872, May, 1873; vol. viii, November, 1873, May, 1874; vol. ix, November, 1874, May, 1875; vol. xiii, pts. 3 and 4, April, July, 1879; vol. xix, pts. 3 and 4, April, July, 1885; vol. xxii, October, 1887, January, April, July, 1888; vol. xxiv, pt. 4, July, 1890; vol. xxv, October, 1890, January, April, July, 1891; xxvi, pt. 1, October, 1891. *Brain*: January, 1880, to July, 1882; October, 1885, to January, 1888.

SCISSOR FORCEPS.

DR. GERALD W. ADAMS (Birmingham) writes: Permit me to point out in reference to the so-called "new" scissor forceps noticed in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of September 3rd, that I had made for me by Lynch and Bateman similar scissor forceps in 1883, and some few years back by Philip Harris, of Birmingham, and used them ever since. The wonder is that so useful a little contrivance has not been in general use long ago.

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