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## QETRRIES.

P. G. will be grateful for information about post-graduate classes in

Dr. W. G. Mitchell (Ballater, N.B.) would be glad to hear the experience of any member who has used a Beeston motor tricycle with electric ignition.
M. B. CANTAB. asks what strength of thymol ointment is an efficient paraiticide for use on dogs; also what is the maximum strength that may safely be used?
A MEMBER would be g'ad to hear of a home for epileptics where he could send a young man aged 20 who has rather severe fits; the parents a the outside could not contribute more than 256 d. a week.
M.D. asks for advice in the treatment of the following case: A patient, of gouty diathesis, suffered at tue beginning of the year from acute eczema of body and limbs, proritus. and arterwards pemphigus of arms. The nv skin dirom and anus, as the describes it, "as if something of the arms, scrotum under the skin." The skin is soft and free from any external or visible cause of irritation. There is no sugar nor albumen in the urine.

Fees for a Mfdical Provident Society.
Honorary Secketaky writes: At a meeting of the local Medical Society a suggestion was made that a scheme should be started for the formation of a c miprehensive medical provident society, the idea being that many men with families, earniny a small wage, are unable to pay the ordinary professional fees, and are from this cause driven to seek with the hospital. We should be glad to the dispensary connected have any experience of such a scheme elsewhere, and would give hints a to fees charged, wage limit of eligible members, and any other hints which might be useful.

The British Homes' Insurance Corporation
British Homes stares that about eighteen months ago he was induced by an agent. of the Brimish Homes Insurance Corporation to insure his ife with that company, being at the same time appointed medical cferce for a large district. He has not yet been called upon to act in any way for the comprny, except to pay his premiums, and in conse quence of opinions expressed by friends he is in doubt whether it is advisable to continue the insurauce.
*** An examination of the life assurance account in the balance-sheet of the company for the year ending Decenber 31 st, 1898 , shows that commissions and management expenses amount to upwards of 60 per cent. of the net receipts. Under these circumstances we do not consider that the company can be recommended.

Income Tax.
C. A. asks for information as to the manner of making the return of his income for income tax assessment for next year under the following circumstances : My professional income nas averaged about, say, $\notin 1,000$ per annum; I am retiring from practice at the new year, and my in come will be $£ 5 c o$. Ain I to take the average of the last three years or give the $£ 500$ as my incone liable to income tax?
** We have submitted the question to the Income Tax Repayment Agency (6, Chichester Road, Paddington). They inform us that as our correspondent ceases to practise he is certainly not liable to assessment on the average profits of the three past years. Whether he is liable to be assessed even upon the reduced income mentioned is a question which, in the absence of particulars of the sources of such income, they have not sufficient data to answer, but in all probability he is not called upon to make a return at all. They add that they are of opinion that he is entitled to a refund of one quarter of the tax paid last year, but that they are without sufficient data to give a decided answer.

## Bad Debts.

A Correspondent asks the following question: A. and B. are partners about to dissolve partnership. By the partnership deed it was settled that the outgoing partner should leave the district altogether, and should be paid by the remaining partner one year's purchase of the whole practice less $\mathscr{L}_{350}$. Both A. and B. arequite agreed as to this, but A. the remaining partwer, contends that he is entitled to deduct from his payment to $B$., the outgoing partuer, io per cent. for bad debts. In the absence of any clause to this effect in the deed of partnership, is A. entitled to do so?
*** Unless such a power were reserved to the remaining partner in the deed, he would not, in our opinion, be entitled to deduct this percentage. A year's purchase of a medical practice is usually based on the actual receipts, with which bad debts have nothing to do.

The above will also answer another correspondent who has asked a similar question.

EXAMINATION FOR THE D.P.H.CAMBRIDGE.
SANITAS writes to point out that the syllabus for Part II o sthe examination for the D P.H.Cambridge has been modified, and will come into operation in April, rgoo. He refers particularly to : (2) The model by-laws of the Local Government Board; (3) sanitation of dwellings, schools, factories, and workshops, and of villages and towns; (4) inspection of cowsheds, slaughterhouses, etc. ; (5) inspection of meat and other articles of food; (7) the methods applicable to the medical in-
vestigation of epidemics, and asks what works in addition to those usually recommended it would be advisable to consult.
** It would be well to add to the list: (r) Knight's Annotated Model By-laws of the Local Government Board, 5 th edition (London : Knight and Co. 1897. 12S. 6d.); (2) The Food Inspector's Handbook, by Francis Vacher, E.R.C.S. (London : Record Press. 1893. 2s.). Dr. Thresh's book Water and Water Supplies (London: Rebman Publishing Company. 1896. 85.) would probably be suitable for his requirements as to water supply. As to a criticism on public health laws, Mr. Wynter Blyth's Lectures on Sanitary Law (London: Macmillan and Co. 1893 8s. 6d.) would probably answer his purpose.

## ANSWNRES.

Lieutenant R.N.-Arrangements ought, of course, to have been made by the persons concerned as soon as it became known that the doctor the persons concerned as soon a
KENT.-The question has been again and again discussed in previous issues of the British Medical Journal, to which we would refer our correspondent.
Lupus.-If the case be one of lupus vulgaris. it can be treated just as well in this country (on the spot) as abroad. There is nothing in the Conti nental treatment which is not known here by those who deal with such cases.
H. M. W. writes : In reply to "L.M.C." I may say that I was troubled ior years in the same way as his patient, by intolerable itching in the legs after a cold bath, till reluctantly exchanged my cold morning bath for a tepid one ( $80^{\circ}$ to $90^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$.). I have never suffered since, except when unable to get warm water. Now I venture to finish up the bath by a momentary cold douche, and so get some of the refreshing effect of the cold water without the itching.

CHOICE OF A BICYCLE
A Member writes: "Country Surgeon", will find on inquiry that several makers supply a low-framed safety bicycle that can be mounted from the standing mount like a "Bantam, and called a" Polo." The pedals are necessarily near the ground, and care has to be exercised in turning corners. I have ridden one both by night and day 5,000 miles without accident. I did not commence riding until 1 was $6_{4}$ years of age.

## NOTEA, LETYERRS, Etc

Cfesarean Section for Eclampsia.
THERE is a printer's error in the paragraph on this subject which appeared in the British Medical Journal of December gth, page 1626 . In the thirteenth line, column ${ }_{2}$, " section or forceps" should read " version or iorceps." The error is, we believe, fairly obvious, since it would $b_{e}$ absurd to suppose that anyone would recommend a Casarean section $t_{0}$ be done for eclampsia when the cervix was fully dilated.

Volunteer medical Staff Corps*RELIEf FUND.
SURGEON-MAJOR VALENTINE MATTHEWS, V.M.S.C., Honoraiy Secretary, Headquarters, London Company, V.M.s.C., 51, Calthorpe Street, W.C., writes: This fund is established to assist the families on or off the strength of non-commissioned officers and men of Royal Army Medical Corps on active service in South Africa. All monevs received will be handed over to the Royal Army Medical Corps Depôt Mobilisation Relief Fund, Aldershot, the Honorary Secretary of which will be glad to hear of any cases of distress needing immediate assistance, whether the husbands were mobilised at Aldershot or not:

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## Wholesale Prescribing

J)r. Henry Dutch, M.D., M.R C.S. (Berkeley Street, W.), writes: Youl remarks on "wholesale prescribing" in the current issue of the Britisir professio Journal deserve the serious consideration not celate cases of the evil results of dereareus drugs being placed in the hands of the ignorant without any form of medical or legal restriotion. If the system finds favour with the medical man of to-day there is no reason why it should not be introduced into our Pharmacopcia, when tablets would in all probability be as little sought after as the numerous trochisci which it contains. Under existing co

Dr. Alexander DUke (Cheltenham) writes with reference to this subject that the habitual prescription of proprietary preparations by medical then tends to encourage the practice of counter prescribing, since it is easy for chemists to recommend the purchase of such articles.

AmbuLance LFCTURE
AT a recent* meeting of the East Suburban Medical Protection and

Medico-Ethical Society, Limited, the following resolution was passed: "That where ambulance lectures are advertised to be given by a medical man, it is both inadvisable and unprofessional for the name. ment."

EARLY CEREBRAL SYpHilis.
Dr. C. F. Marshall (Finsbury Square. E.C) writes : In the Archives of Neurology from the Pathological Laboratory of the London County Asylums, Dr. Mott gives the results of his valuable observations on cerebral syphilis He comes to the conclusion that cerebral syphilis may occur during the first, second, or third year after infection. I wish to point out a possible fallacy in these conclusions, and that is the occurrence of second infection. We know that primary sores may be absent and secondary symptoms so mild as to be overlooked. Therefore, former infection which has been ignored, and the more recent infection. a second infection?

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