

THE REPORT OF THE VACCINATION COMMISSION.

DR. JOHN FRYER (Dewsbury) writes: I have just been reading the "summary" of the final report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the subject of Vaccination, given in the reprint of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL (Vaccination Facts and Problems). I have a *précis* or digest of evidence taken before a Committee of the House of Commons, on the Vaccination Act, 1867. Can you tell me of a similar *précis* or digest of the evidence given before the Royal Commission appointed in 1880, whose report was issued in August, 1896? The *précis* or digest that I have gives a condensed report of each of the witnesses' evidence given before the Commission.

* * * There is unfortunately no such summary or digest. The evidence is contained verbatim in a series of large Blue Books, which with one exception have a very good index. The exception—the Sixth Report—is the largest and, in some respects, the most important of all, but the want of an index makes it almost useless for purposes of reference, excepting to the most laborious student. As indicated at the end of the article referred to by our correspondent, the statement of dissent from the Commissioners' final report has been fully reviewed in the *Transactions of the Epidemiological Society* for 1896-7.

ANSWERS.

THERAPEUTICS.—We regret that we have not been able to obtain information as to the composition of the secret remedy in question.

J. H.—Information on the subject of phenazone and coal-tar compounds is contained in Dr. H. C. Wood's *Therapeutics: Its Principles and Practice*. London: Smith, Elder, and Co. 1902. 188.

G. M. S.—The following is the information required by our correspondent:—*A Study of 972 Cases of Small-Pox with Reference to the Modifying Influence of Vaccination*, by J. B. Russell. M.D. Reprint from the *Glasgow Medical Journal*, 1872-3. Glasgow: Dunn and Wright, 1873: 8vo, pp. 20.

REGULATIONS FOR THE F.R.C.S. ENG.

MR. N. D. DARÜ.—The Royal College of Surgeons of England accepts as an equivalent for the first and second examinations of the English Conjoint Board a certain number of university examinations and therefore admits those who have passed them to its first Fellowship examination, but those passed by an L.M. and S. of an Indian university are not among them. The College also admits to its second Fellowship examination those who, though not Members of the College, nevertheless hold the registrable medical and surgical degrees of certain universities; among these are the Universities of Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, and the Punjab, but no anomaly such as that to which our correspondent desires to draw attention exists, because the College regards the L.M. and S. which some or all of these universities grant, as a diploma and not as a degree.

HOUSE SANITATION.

SECRETARY.—There are a large number of books dealing with house sanitation in a greater or less degree, but we know of no one volume covering the whole subject. G. A. T. Middleton has written several books on the subject (Batsford). S. S. Hellyer's *Plumber and Sanitary Houses* (Batsford, 12s. 6d.), or the same author's *Theory and Practice of Plumbing* (Bell, 5s.), or Dr. Reid's *Practical Sanitation* (Griffin, 3s.), or Coleman's *Sanitary House Drainage* (Spon, 6s.), or Latham's *Sanitation of Domestic Buildings* (Sanitary Publishing Company, 2s. 6d.) might meet our correspondent's requirements. There is also much useful matter on house sanitation in the ordinary public-health textbooks (Whitelegge, Notter and Firth, Parkes and Kenwood, etc.).

LETTERS, NOTES, Etc.

ERRATUM.—In the heading of a paper on gastro-jejuno-stomy and jejuno-jejuno-stomy in cases of chronic ulcer, published on October 29th, the fact was not stated that the author, Dr. T. Gelston Atkins, is Surgeon to Cork South Infirmary and County Hospital.

A CORRECTION.

THE £2,000 contributed to the schools of the Lancashire and Cheshire Society for the Permanent Care of the Feeble-minded, referred to by our special correspondent in Manchester last week, p. 1269, was received from the Cheshire Education Committee, and not the Manchester Education Committee.

BORN WITH THE MORPHINE HABIT.

HAMLET, in condemning the hard-drinking habits of the Danes, by which Shakespeare doubtless meant the English, admitted that he was to the manner born. We learn from Lützow's "Et Tilsælde af medfødt Morfinisme," *Hospitalstidende*, No. XIX, 1902, of another, but not Royal, Dane born to another, but less ancient and picturesque, bad habit. A well-developed child, with no sign of malformation or prenatal disease, showed extreme restlessness from the first moment of extraterrestrial life. It could not be got to sleep, it cried incessantly, and its features bore an expression of pain. For over two days it could not be induced to take any kind of nourishment, and its life was despaired of. Half a minim of tinctura thebais was administered three times daily, that compound, which holds a place on the Danish Pharmacopoeia, being made up, as we learn from Squire's *Companion*, of opium, 6 parts; benzoic acid, 6; camphor 4; oil of anise, 3; and diluted alcohol, 1,000. For the first time in its life—that is, on the third day—it became tranquil, all the restlessness subsiding, and ultimately it thrived. The opiate was lessened gradually, which, as the child's countryman already mentioned would say, lent a kind of easiness to the next abstinence. It is now getting on without the narcotic, but its after-history, when delivered from the womb of time, will be, in any event, of interest.

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