

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.

M. B. asks for references to literature on the pathology of antenatal ascites.

RUSTICUS asks for advice as to treatment of a case of chronic gonorrhœa in a male, contracted August, 1897. There is a slight morning discharge. The ordinary remedies do not seem to improve the condition.

J. S. S. would be pleased to hear of a home or hospital in or near London where a female patient, suffering from an eruption of the face and general œdema of the body (due, it is believed, to the absorption of arsenic), could be received and treated. The patient is able to pay a small fee.

M. B. asks to be recommended a book to read in mental psychology for the M.D. Lond. in addition to Titchener, especially in relation to mental disorders.

. Our correspondent will probably find all that is required in the following works: *Mental Physiology*. By Dr. T. B. Hyslop. (London: J. and A. Churchill, 1895. 18s.) *The Human Mind: A Textbook of Psychology*. By James Sully, M.A., LL.D. In two volumes. (London: Longmans, Green, and Co. 1892. 21s.)

FEMALE LODGES.

A CORRESPONDENT asks for information as to the fees usually paid by women's friendly societies.

. Female lodges, on the average, pay less than male lodges for medical benefits. They are not remunerative to the surgeon, and practitioners have been strongly advised to have nothing to do with them.

LUMBAGO.

ALPHA asks for suggestions for the treatment of a case of lumbago, which was treated in its acute stage with potassium iodide and blisters, then with massage, faradisation, and Bath waters. For the past couple of months the stiffness and pain when lying down in bed has decreased very little.

THE COURTESY CALL.

ETIQUETTE asks within what radius a dental practitioner starting in practice in London should call on the medical practitioners of the district.

. The object of the complimentary visit is to cultivate friendly relations between members of the same profession. The radius within which such calls are made cannot be defined in miles, but in a large town they should not be extended beyond the immediate "neighbourhood." If our correspondent does not hold a surgical qualification established practitioners might consider it superfluous for him to pay them the compliment in question.

ANSWERS.

NEMO.—We understand that the paragraph in question was published without the consent, and in fact contrary to the wishes, both of the patient and his medical attendant.

J. C. R.—There is no examination for the Colonial Medical Service. We may call our correspondent's attention to the article, "A School of Tropical Diseases," published at page 1662, and to the Educational Number of the JOURNAL (August 28th, 1897), p. 58.

BROOKLYN.—We do not think that any useful opinion could be expressed without a special knowledge of the local conditions. Very much would depend upon the extent to which the provincial town mentioned was a centre easily reached from the surrounding country.

NOTES, LETTERS, Etc.

ERRATUM.—In the report of the last meeting of the British Orthopædic Society, published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of June 18th, the words "Dr. Bannatyne said," etc. (line 31 from the end of the report) should have been "Dr. Bannatyne and," etc. Dr. Bannatyne was not, we are informed, present at the meeting, and the printer's error which has been indicated deprives Dr. Wohlmann of his share of the credit of their joint research.

NATHAN LEWIS HATFIELD PRIZE.

THE College of Physicians of Philadelphia announces through its Committee that the sum of 500 dollars (£100) will be awarded to the author of the best essay in competition for the First Nathan Lewis Hatfield Prize for Original Research in Medicine. The subject proposed is "A Pathological and Clinical Study of the Thymus Gland and its Relations." The competition is open to members of the medical profession and men of science in the United States.

THE "NATIONAL ANTIVIVISECTION HOSPITAL FUND."

HOSPITAL Sunday this year was used by the antivivisectionists for their own advantage, and a few contributions were given in mysterious stamped envelopes addressed to the National Antivivisection Hospital Fund. They were duly forwarded, and the few pounds thus perverted to a hospital that exists only on paper and will do harm if ever it is built, are no great loss to the hospitals that do all the work for London. This method of procuring shillings and half-crowns shows how the antivivisectionists have come down.

CONSULTING PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS.

MR. T. GARRETT HORDEB, Hon. Sec. Hospital Reform Association (Cardiff), writes: There is one aspect of the hospital question which has not up to the present time received much consideration. I allude to the appointment and advertisement of consulting physicians and surgeons. I am not thinking of those cases where men, after long and laborious services, are on their retirement from the active duties appointed to such posts, but to those instances where the managers think proper to ask men whose position in the profession is likely to shed lustre on these institutions to become consulting physicians or surgeons as the case may be. Sometimes men residing in London are asked to be associated with hospitals in country districts, where their opportunities of assisting by their advice are likely to be very limited indeed. I am certain that if this view of the case is pointed out to the consultants they would hesitate before allowing their names to be used. I have this week received a report of a hospital in Tunbridge Wells where the names of two eminent men appear as consulting eye and ear doctors. It would surprise me very much if I heard that either of these gentlemen ever went down to Tunbridge Wells and consulted with the medical officers on any case.

AN OVERDOSE OF EXALGINE.

DR. A. LOCKHART GILLESPIE (Edinburgh) writes: Dr. Lermitté will find notes of a case in which the patient took 36 grains of exalgine between 2 and 11 P.M. in the *Edinburgh Medical Journal* for May, 1892, p. 1054, and a fuller account of the symptoms produced in the *Medical Press and Circular*, April, 1892.

LACERATION OF THE FUNIS THROUGH PRECIPITATE LABOUR.

DR. WM. A. S. ROYDS (St. Mary Bourne, Hants) writes: Mr. Rainsbury's case brings to my recollection two somewhat similar. In a labour case which I was attending I discovered before delivery that the cord was round the neck, and used more force than was perhaps desirable to replace it over the head. To my horror the cord gave way. It was a relief to find on the birth of the child that it had ruptured about 2 or 3 inches distant, and not, as I feared might have been the case, close to the abdominal wall. This case and Mr. Rainsbury's would support the idea that there is a "place of election" for the separation of the cord, and that this is at the point where it is usually tied. A similar case to Mr. Rainsbury's which I saw, where a newly-born infant was brought to the Royal Berks Hospital with the cord torn off close to the abdomen, leaving a wound, out of which, if I recollect rightly, some considerable portion of the abdominal contents protruded, which required a length of suture, does not support the view.

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