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QUERIES.

S. H. W. J. asks for experience of the treatment of hæmorrhoids by in jection; and where he can find the literature on the subject.

A. K. desires to hear of an institution or home where a young man of feeble intellect (not an idiot) could be received. He is of gentle birth, and a small sum could be paid for his maintenance.

ANSWERS.

D. L. D.—1t would appear to be clear that a separate fee should be paid for each inquest and each post-mortem examination.

F. C. E., X. Y. Z. - We have no information as to the operations of the syndicate, but it would appear to hold itself out as the proprietor of a secret remedy. Our correspondent can, therefore, have no hesitation in declining to have anything to do with it.

DOUBTPUL.—An English medical man can practise among his own countrymen at a French watering place, but it is at his own risk and peril. The degree of risk will in practice depend on so many different circumstances that it is impossible to estimate it in a particular case. A certain period of residence in a French university is required for graduation.

MOTOR CARS.

P.W.—The address of the Beeston Motor Company is Coventry. Nearly all the existing motor cars can be seen in the various showrooms on Holborn Viaduct.

EMERGENCY ATTENDANCES. DR. B. did quite right in complying with the wish of the patient's father and accepting the fee for services rendered and completed. His obvious ethical duty was then to have written to Dr. W., explaining all the facts and enclosing the fee paid. It would rest with Dr. W. either to return the fee, share the fee, or retain the fee; the only guiding rules here are courtesy and mutual obligation. The partner's position is not involved in the avertion. in the question.

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND PROFESSIONAL SECRECY.
MEDICAL ETHICS.—The question asked by our correspondent raises the point about professional secrecy which has during recent years been so much discussed. In our opinion it was the duty of our correspondent to report truthfully when called upon to do so respecting any case of an employee who had been under his care in his capacity of medical officer to the company, and the company would have been justified in dismissing him for neglect of duty if he had failed to do so.

Duties of Certifying Factory Surgens.

R.C.M.—It is no part of the regular duty of a certifying surgeon to make an investigation as to whether or no a nuisance arises from any process. He may, however, be called on by the Home Secretary, under the Factory Act of 1895, to do so, and in that case would be entitled to a special fee, which the Home Secretary is authorised by the same Act to pay. Our correspondent does not seem to have been authorised by the Home Secretary or anyone acting directly on his behalf to make the inquiry, and it would seem, therefore, that he has no claim against the Department for a fee. The claim for remuneration must be against the individual personally who asked him to make the report, and it is doubtful how far it would be advisable to press for payment. Certifying surgeons have frequently, in past times, been consulted by H.M.'s Inspectors under the Factory Act on questions of sanitation, and have given their advice freely without remuneration, though they have felt that they should not be called upon to work, directly or indirectly, in the service of the State without adequate payment.

THE RETAINER SYSTEM.

ASSISTANT COLONIAL SURGEON.—With reference to our answer in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of November 5th, 1898, to "Colonial Surgeon," our correspondent writes to complain that we had been told only one side of the story. If our correspondent will look at the answer to which he refers he will see that we were asked to express an opinion as to whether an officer should keep practice which had been handed over to him to perform for a brother officer absent on leave, and we can only reiterate the opinion that to do so would be contrary to the ethical principles upon which medical practice is conducted. We do not see that the various grievances of which our correspondent complains alter the aspect of the question. He is of course not under any legal obligation to take the private practice of a brother officer, but if he undertakes it the usual principles applying to such cases should be observed.

NOTES, LETTERS, Etc.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS.

MR. H. E. ALLEN (Registrar, General Medical Council) writes: I notice that in the table referred to in my letter in the British Medical Journal of December 21st, 1898, showing the number of candidates reported as being deficient in general education an asterisk indicating that certain bodies are no longer on the Council's list has for some reason dropped out from before the name of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. I should be obliged if you could call attention to this omission. this omission.

TUBERCULOSIS AND CANARIES,
DR. TUCKER WISE Montreux, Switzerland) writes: From cases of pulmonary tuberculosis which have come under my own observation I
am of opinion that in many instances diseased cage-birds—such as
canaries, linnets, etc.—communicate tuberculosis to a serious extent TUBERCULOSIS AND CANARIES,

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amongst human beings. As about 400,000 canaries are reputed to be sold every year in the United Kingdom, the distribution of tubercle by this bird alone, when disease attacks it, must be considerable. In a recent work by Friedberger and Fröhner on Veterinary Pathology (translated by M. H. Hayes, F.R. C.V.S., 1898), it is stated that tuberculosis is one of the most common diseases of birds. I hope in a short time to send you evidence from cases which I have investigated in support of

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HOT-AIR BATHS.

DR. W. S. Hedley (Mansfield Street, W.) writes: Several interesting communications have lately appeared in the British Medical Journal on the curative uses of heated air. In this connection I always feel disposed to ask myself the question, Why rely on heated air? Wher a person warms his hands at the fire, the heated air plays a very insignificant part in the process. The effect is produced by direct heat rays. Such radiation is, as everyone knows, propagated by the ether, not by the air. The air may be hot or cold, or there may be no air at all—a vacuum—yet the impulses imparted to the ether from the molecular movement of the heated body travel onwards, and impinging upon anything that lies in their path communicate to it the same molecular motion (heat). Therefore why not project heat rays directly on the part to be warmed? Substances that can be incandesced on the principle of the electric glow lamp afford an easy means of doing this; with the very great additional advantage that the source of heat is also the source of light. It is easy to show that in order to get the most intense heat rays the heat-producing source ought to be of a luminous character. It has been proved by direct measurement with the thermorpile that if when a heated spiral of platinum appears dark the radiation of the obscure band of the spectrum be represented by 1, at a full white heat it would be represented by 12. The ideal system of getting high temperatures for the purposes in question would seem to be the use of direct radiant heat from a luminous source with suitable arrangements for screening and diffusing it if desired.

Health and Sickness Association.

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MR. HENRY BROWN (Sickness, Accident, and Life Association, Limited, Edinburgh) writes: In the British Medical Journal of December 24th, 1898, a paragraph appears summarising the experience of one of your correspondents of his connection with the Health and Sickness Association, and as a similarity of name has apparently led certain members of the medical profession to assume that this Association is referred to, I beg that you will allow me in your next issue to state that there is no connection directly or indirectly between the two companies. This Association was founded in 1835, and was registered under the Life Companies Act a year ago, \$20,000 being then deposited with the Government. Its last issue of shares was made at a premium of over 200 per cent, and no shares have ever been issued in connection with medical appointments. They are in fact not obtainable through other than the recognised market channels.

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DR. H. OPPENHEIMER (London, E.C.) writes: It is with the greatest interest and pleasure that I have read Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Myers's letter on Syphilis in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of December 17th, 1898. From a rather large experience in civil life, I can fully endorse every point he urges in his appeal.

There is, no doubt, a tendency with many medical men to defer active treatment till secondary symptoms set in. I do not know of any theoretical or practical grounds on which this practice is founded; in my opinion it is justified only in those very rare cases where the character of the primary lesion is at all doubtful. In describing the rose rash and the other signs of the secondary stage as constitutional symptoms, we express the fact that while the Hunterian chancre is a mere local manifestation of the disease, the virus not having spread beyond the nearest group of lymphatic glands, the appearance of the secondary symptoms proves that the materies morb has passed the inguinal glands, which for a time act as a filter and retinaculum, and has entered the blood. Why should we not try to prevent the infection of the system, if this is possible? And that it is possible a great number of my own cases prove. In a large proportion of cases I succeeded by early treatment in averting all subsequent manifestations of the disease, while in others the ensuing signs of constitutional syphilis were few and the whole course very mild. But in order to accomplish this large doses of mercury have to be given from the very onset, not the minute or even infinitesimal doses to which Dr. Myers refers, and which are characteristic of the internal method. In many parts of the Continent, and particularly in Germany, the profession does not entertain any doubt as to the superiority of the old plan of mercurial inunction over any other, and my experience fully confirms this, as far as the early stages are in question. I consider it as regards prognosis.

POST-MORTEM CESAREAN SECTION.

fr. J. L. IRWIN MOORE, M.B. (Leicester) writes: In the interesting article on Post-mortem Delivery in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of December 24th, 1898, reference is made to the question of survival of the child in utero after death of the mother, and to the want of evidence

that the child in utero may survive the death of the mother for more than a few minutes. The following case seems to me to be of interest in connection with the question of time limit. The record of the case is complete, and the evidence of the time of actual occurrence of death satisfactory. It was read before the Edinburgh Obstetrical Society by Peter Brotherston, F.R.C.S., February 26th, 1868, and is published in the Edinburgh Medical Journal for April, 1868:

"Patient had fallen down in a fainting fit. She had been sitting by side of fire, and fell forward from the chair on which she had been sitting on her knees, with her face on the ground; her abdomen was not resting on the ground, and her arms were under her." Cæsarean section was performed twenty-three minutes after the death of the patient, a large, healthy female child at full term being extracted. Artificial respiration was begun. "The child's arms and legs, which were quite flaccid before, now became stiff, and its heart was felt to be beating; it gave a convulsive sob or two, and I had no doubt that it would live. In about half an hour from the time I commenced the artificial respiration the child was struggling and crying, and was as fine and healthy a child as I have seen."

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