

subject named in the advice to inquirers was "the prevention of venereal disease by immediate self-disinfection."

As a preamble to the "Directions for men," it was stated that "venereal disease can be prevented with almost complete certainty if the right precautions be taken in time." I urged that the omission of any reference to the need for premarital continence, and the unduly optimistic assurance of "almost complete certainty" of protection from infection, might have the effect of leading many young inquirers to believe that there was no alternative to fornication, and that the risks associated with it could be very largely eliminated. This belief was not of course the intention of the society, but would naturally follow the reading of the "directions" when they stood alone in the pamphlet.

In your issue of January 10th there is a letter from the President and Honorary Secretary of the Society enclosing a copy of what is clearly a second edition of their "Aims and Objects." This now begins with the following new sentence: "It is obvious that the best way of avoiding venereal disease is to abstain from promiscuous sexual intercourse." This important sentence did not appear in either of the pamphlets issued at the date of the conference (December 16th), and has evidently been now inserted as a result of criticism at the conference and in the subsequent correspondence in your JOURNAL.

The words are satisfactory so far as they go, and perhaps in the next edition of their "Aims and Objects" the Council of the Society will be still more explicit as to the value and practicability of continence before marriage, and will tell their inquirers that sexual intercourse ("promiscuous" or otherwise) is not essential to maintain mental and physical health, and that there is no real difficulty in such continence if the mind and body are actively occupied in other directions, and if sexual stimuli are carefully avoided.

The Society is realizing the difficulty of trying to preach clean living and prophylactics together, but on the other hand, there cannot be, and must not be, any divorce between morals and medicine.

Apart from national continence in men, prostitution, whether amateur or professional, cannot cease, and no real opportunity can arise for relieving the women from their dreadful occupation, and no successful effort can be made to redeem their misspent lives.—I am, etc.,

AMAND ROUTH, M.D., F.R.C.P.

P.S.—I enclose printed copies of the "Directions for Men" and of the "Aims and Objects" of the Society as issued at the date of the conference on December 16th, 1919.

A. R.

London, W., Jan. 12th.

SIR,—Lord Willoughby de Broke and Mr. Wansey Bayly may rest assured that we do not for a moment believe that any member of their society, as an individual, would deliberately incite youth to acts of immorality. But we strongly hold the opinion that the leaflet of instructions to men issued by that society, which contains no single word in favour of continence, does so incite, and of this we have evidence in our possession.

We have read the paragraph—published in the last issue of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL—which has been added to the pamphlet setting forth the aims and objects of the society since the meeting at Westminster on December 16th, 1919. We welcome this substantial advance towards the broader and more comprehensive policy of the National Council for Combating Venereal Diseases, and trust that in a short time all those of our profession who, whatever opinion they may hold on the vexed question of prophylaxis, are at one in their wish to diminish the incidence of this disease, will concentrate their energies on fighting the mischief rather than wasting them in controversy about a "packet."—We are, etc.,

E. B. TURNER.

OTTO MAY.

London, W.C. 1, Jan. 12th.

SIR,—Does "M.A., M.D. Cantab.'s" letter (January 3rd) not apply as much to treatment as to prophylaxis of venereal disease? And would we become heavenly guides by making immorality as dangerous as possible by refusing to alleviate its consequences?—I am, etc.,

Paul, Basse Pyrenees, Jan. 6th.

F. LEONARD BROWN, M.D.

INTRAMUSCULAR INJECTION OF QUININE.

SIR,—The clinical results of intramuscular injections of quinine in severe cases of malaria are so good that it is to be hoped that a contemplation of the list of possible evil effects of the procedure, and of the results of experiments on animals, which are recorded in your issue of January 3rd, will not deter any medical man from using this method of exhibiting the drug when necessary. If ordinary care is taken in regard to sterilization of syringe, of solution, and of skin, if the vicinity of large vessels and nerves is avoided, and if injections are not repeated in the same area, the probability of any bad effect following this method of administration is small.

I speak from a large experience in India, Aden, China, and Macedonia, and have found intramuscular injection so effective that I consider that any medical man who allows a patient to die, or even to become seriously ill, from malaria, without having used this (or the intravenous) method of introducing quinine into him, should be held to be gravely at fault.—I am, etc.,

S. F. CLARK,

Colonel A.M.S.(ret.).

Brighton, Jan. 12th.

The Services.

HONOURS.

MENTIONED IN DISPATCHES.

A SPECIAL Supplement to the *London Gazette*, dated January 12th, gives a further list of those mentioned for distinguished and gallant service and devotion to duty in different spheres of the war. The following medical officers are included:

Hospital Ships.

Lieut.-Colonel H. A. Williams, D.S.O., I.M.S., Surgeon-Major B. Pares, C.M.G., D.S.O., Royal Horse Guards; Majors E. L. D. Dewdney, R.A.M.C.(T.F.), and C. L. Dunn, I.M.S.; temporary Majors J. G. Heath, R. T. Meadows, D.S.O., P. J. A. Seccombe, T. Walcot, and A. W. Wilcox, R.A.M.C.; Captains I. M. Byers and J. W. Gries, R.A.M.C.; temporary Captains (acting Majors) W. A. Clayton, H. McIntyre, and H. H. O'Heffernan, R.A.M.C.; temporary Captains H. B. Emerson, J. H. Glover, W. R. G. Hamilton, T. Heywood, W. P. Jones, H. A. Lane, J. M. Lazenby, G. W. P. Maitland, and R. E. Smith, R.A.M.C.; Lieutenant (acting Captain) E. H. Rainey, R.A.M.C.

France.

Colonel N. Faichnie, M.B. (late R.A.M.C.); Major J. H. Gurley, R.A.M.C.; Captain D. C. Scott, R.A.M.C.(T.F.); temporary Captain H. Body, R.A.M.C.

East Africa.

Major H. W. Illius, I.M.S.

Egypt.

Lieut.-Colonel (acting Colonel) C. Garner, C.B.E. (R.P.); Lieut.-Colonel P. S. Lelan, C.B.; Captain (acting Major) A. E. Richmond, R.A.M.C.; Captains R. H. Maingot and P. J. Stewart; temporary Captains W. I. Adams, T. L. Clark, W. E. R. Dimond, F. W. Grant, F. A. L'Estrange, T. D. Miller, G. C. Ramsay, S. M. Vassallo, M. J. T. Wallis, and H. G. E. Williams, R.A.M.C.; Lieutenant (temporary Captain) Wm. Cameron, R.A.M.C.; Captains D. R. Hennessy and P. W. Ransom, R.A.M.C.(S.R.); Captain (acting Lieut.-Colonel) J. Blackwood, R.A.M.C.(T.F.); Captains S. A. Mann, C. H. Welsh, and R. Willan, R.A.M.C.(T.F.).

Lieut.-Colonel C. B. Blackburn, O.B.E., A.A.M.C.; Majors (temporary Lieut.-Colonels) J. R. McN. Beith, and M. W. Cave, A.A.M.C.; Majors E. K. Parry, M.C., and H. Sutton, A.A.M.C.; Captains F. A. Comins (Dental Corps), C. R. Hodgson, and W. G. H. Tregear, A.A.M.C.

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