

strand, M.D. Translated by H. G. Petersen. G. P. Putnam's Sons. 1897. *Suggestive Therapeutics*. By H. Bernheim, M.D. Translated by C. A. Herter. Young J. Pentland. 1890.

**NEURON.**—We do not know that the waters of Plombières are imported. The chief part of the treatment at Plombières consists in baths and other external application of the water. It is therefore unlikely that drinking the Plombières water in England can have the same effect as a course of treatment at the spa itself.

**J. P.**—The young woman should either decline the patient altogether, giving no reasons, or accept unconditionally, but intimating that she will not be a party to any concealment of what may take place in her house. In the event of abortion taking place the doctor should treat the case just as he would any other case of abortion; but take care to do nothing that he would object to see published in the next issue of the local paper.

**J. M.**—We know of no analysis of the medicine in question, but the drugs mentioned are of little importance. *Rumex crispus* is the "yellow dock," a common roadside plant. It contains tannin, chrysophanic acid, and mucilage. It is said to be antiscorbutic. *Geofrya mermis* is the "cabbage bark tree." It was many years ago official in the *Dublin Pharmacopœia*, and was given in large doses as a cathartic and anthelmintic. *Malva sylvestris* is the common mallow. It contains mucilage, and is a simple demulcent without any active properties.

#### DOSES OF IODIDE OF POTASSIUM.

**DR. RICHARD NEALE** writes: "Member" can, by reference to Sections 263, 5 and 1198: 5 of the *Medical Digest*, obtain the information he seeks. In the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL*, vol. ii, 1897, p. 906, a case is reported where 8 lbs. of the drug were taken in eight years.

#### ACUTE LEUKÆMIA.

**S. A. B.**—Our correspondent will find valuable papers on acute leukaemia in *Virchow's Archiv*, by Eichhorst (1892, vol. cxxx) and Askanazy (1894, vol. cxxxiv). Further details will be found in Von Limbeck, *Klin. Path. des Blutes*, 2nd Edition, 1896.

#### METALLIC IODINE IN SYPHILIS.

**L.R.C.P.**—The following is a version of M. Bouveyron's prescription (*Epitome*, April 30th, No. 368) which could be compounded by a British chemist: Iodine 15 gr., dissolved in iodide of potassium solution *q.s.* (30 gr.); glycerine 75-150 gr.; citric acid, 225 gr.; syrup and distilled water to 35 ozs. A British chemist ought, however, to be able to compound a prescription in which the quantities are given on the metric system.

#### NOTES, LETTERS, Etc.

##### A WARNING.

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It seems to me that it is one man who is travelling from town to town under various names, or a gang of men who are thus victimising the doctors in various towns, and as it appears they have the prospectuses of this company, I presume they have called on our agents or at our branch offices asking for copies of our prospectuses for the purposes of insurance.

##### ERRATA.

In the brief report of proceedings of the Section of Tropical Diseases at the annual meeting of the British Medical Association, published in the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL* of August 6th, p. 368, it should have been stated that Dr. Bentley practises at Cairo, and not as there stated.

The name of Mr. J. D. Lithgow was accidentally omitted from the list of those who received the degrees of M.B. and C.M. of the University of Edinburgh on page 394 of the *JOURNAL* of August 6th.

#### THE FLOORS OF SANATORIA FOR CONSUMPTION.

**DR. W. CALWELL** (Belfast) writes to point out an apparent error in the statement of Dr. Leon-Petit's method of dealing with floors as given in Dr. Ransome's paper on Sanatoria for the Open-air Treatment of Consumption published in the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL* of July 9th, 1898. It will appear that Dr. Leon-Petit's method is to apply with a brush a preparation of paraffin mixed warm with benzine.

#### AN APPEAL ON BEHALF OF THE FAMILY OF THE LATE DR. ARTHUR BARLOW.

We may recall attention to the appeal which was made in the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL* of May 14th on behalf of the widow of Dr. Arthur Barlow, who died on March 10th at the early age of 37. Owing to ill-health he was prevented from making provision for his widow, who is without any means whatever, and is in exceedingly delicate health by the long strain of nursing her husband and the shock of his sudden death. Subscriptions will be received by Dr. J. W. Moore, 40, Fitzwilliam Square West, Dublin; Dr. John Barton, 26, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin; Dr. G. J. Clibborn, 80, Ovoca Terrace, University Street, Belfast; Dr. L. H. Ormsby, 92, Merrion Square West, Dublin; Dr. Henry, 2, Lewisham Park, Lewisham, London; and Dr. A. Matson, 69, Holloway Road, London.

#### HOLIDAYS FOR DOCTORS.

**DR. F. HYDE MABERLY** writes: I have just seen the letters of Dr. Hawkins-Ambler and "A Member," and would recommend any medical man visiting the South of Ireland to try the Esplanade Hotel, Courtmacsherry, about two hours by rail from Cork. In my own case a fortnight last year has lengthened into a month this year. Originally a private house, it was started as a hotel last year, and the hotel

element is conspicuous by its absence. The house stands in beautifully wooded grounds, and is embedded in a mass of rhododendrons and covered on one side by myrtles; in front it commands a charming view up the estuary of the Argaden. There is good sea fishing, and boating and bathing *ad lib.*, while the antiquarian will find in the remains of Timohague Abbey, some three miles away, one of the most beautiful ruins in the country. Some four miles away is Dunworley Bay. The terms are moderate, and I cannot speak too highly of the courtesy and attention of the manager.

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*System of Diseases of the Eye*. Edited by W. F. Norris, A.M., M.D., and C. A. Oliver, A.M., M.D. Vol. iii. London and Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Co., 21s.  
*Tuberculose Rénale: Pathogénie, Diagnostic, Traitement*. Par Dr. Tuffier. Paris: Masson et Cie. 1898. Fr. 1.25.  
*L'Opothérapie: Traitement de Certaines Maladies par Extraits d'Organes Animaux*. Par A. Gilbert et P. Carnot. Paris: Masson et Cie. 1898. Fr. 1.25.  
*Asepsis and Antiseptics in Abdominal Surgery and Gynaecology*. By H. Macnaughton-Jones, M.D., M.A.O., M.Ch. London: Baillière, Tindall, and Cox. 1898. 3s.  
*Handatlas der Anatomie des Menschen*. Von W. Spateholz. Zweiter Band, 2. Abtheilung. Leipzig: L. Hirzel. 1898. M. 6.  
*De la Splénectomie*. Par Dr. J. Vanverts. Paris: G. Steinheil. 1898.

*Handbuch der Ernährungstherapie und Diätetik*. Herausgegeben von E. von Leyden. Zweiter Band, Erste Abtheilung. Leipzig: Georg Thieme. 1898.  
*Stammering, Stuttering, and other Speech Affections: Their Causes and Cure*. By W. Abbotts, M.D., M.R.C.P., M.B.C.S. Sixth Edition. London: The Savoy Press. 1898. 1s.  
*Health Loss and Gain. No. 1. A Plea for the more Definite and Extended Practice of Preventive Medicine*. By M. A. Chreimann. London: Lebman Publishing Company. 1898. 3s.  
*Les Défenses Naturelles de l'Organisme*. Par A. Charrin. Paris: Masson et Cie. 1898. Fr. 6.  
*Health-giving Waters, being an Account of the waters of Pougues*. By Dr. J. Janicot. London: Bliss, Sands, and Co. 1898. 3s. 6d.  
*Guide to the Clinical Examination and Treatment of Sick Children*. By J. Thomson, M.D., F.R.C.P. Edinburgh: W. F. Clay. 1898.

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