influently on the look-out for a new thing, and one would like to know if Dr. Washburn or any of the other medical officers have tried the native herbs. Well, I have a specimen of Monotoma ovata, and I find it is a feeble astrigent.

NOTES, LETTERS, Etc.

ERRATUM.—In Dr. George A. Williamson’s paper on the Cyprus Sphagnum and the Bacteria that grow with Anthisia M.R.C.S., p. 152, of this number, September 18th, p. 558, the generic name of the sphagnum should have been given as Mutill, and not Mutilli.

THE CANCER SOCIETY.—The prize of fifteen guineas offered by the Cancer Society, to his honour, W. C. Scott, M.D., for the best original essay on the present state of cancer science, has been awarded to Alex. Fraser, M.B., of Queen’s Park, Manchester, the adjudicator being Geo. Brown, M.R.C.S., member of the General Medical Council.

PARISH COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS IN THE ISLANDS OF SCARBOROUGH.

A correspondent informs us that the parish council of South Uist is seeking a medical officer. Any medical man who may be disposed to apply for the appointment is recommended to make inquiries as to the conduct of the parish council in recent years towards its medical officer. Several notices, which are particulars were published in the British Medical Journal, vol. 1, 1854, p. 717; vol. II, 1859, pp. 271, 277, and 723.

WINTER RESORTS FOR CHRONIC PHthisIS.

Dr. D. Livingstone writes:—We beg you to kindly correct a statement made in the British Medical Journal of September 22nd, in reply to member’s query regarding a winter resort for the sake of chronic phthisis, etc., the fact that a copy of the official guide to Cricriets may be obtained from Messrs. Gibson, Terrace-road, Aberystwyth. It is stated that free of charge on application to the Clerk to the Urban District Council of Cricriets; and it is hoped that the visitors, who are looking out for suitable winter quarters in health resorts for their patients would do well to obtain and carefully peruse a copy of this excellent guide.

SUMMER DIARRHOEA.

Dr. Alex. McCook Wright (East Molesey) writes:—Dr. Ashby, of Reading, takes exception to my classification of this disease. Now I may say that I have been a close observer of “infantile summer diarrhoea” for above twenty years, and have had a good deal about me. It is clear to me that Dr. Ballard undertook his long inquiry into its alleged cause I consider that he was mistaken. In my and simple. The late Dr. Farr regarded it as a “zymotic” disease, but not in the same sense as the exanthematous, and the late Dr. Ballard, as is well known, attributed it to some “undiscovered” microbe which found its way into the infant’s intestines when the ground temperature rose to 50° or thereabout. The Americans, however, take quite a different view, and without hesitation propose “milk poisoning” (side Harr’s Diseases of Children). I need not repeat what I have already stated in the British Medical Journal.

INFANT FEEDING.

Dr. W. W. Hardwick (East Molesey) writes:—Dr. T. D. Cook’s proposal to scatter free information as to the feeding of infants, in order to make the piea of ignorance a thing of the past, is very philanthropic. I have written to him, and have received a cordial reply. I am much interested in the spirit of philanthropy in the profession has reached such a sufficient high pitch that every infant and parent should be given grave at every consulting room in the United Kingdom? Already the public are prescibing for themselves and the confused, and their friends, keeping a wary watch on the dietaries of their friends, which he will be better and gratuated advice all round, and save people the unpleasantness of putting their hands in their pockets; but will this help him to pay his rent, rates, taxes, etc., and why should this noble philanthropy be limited to the medical profession? Does the lawyer, the butcher, the baker, the water-cure, and the telegraph supply members of its staff, or anyone, gratuitously? Does he even get his religion gratuitously? Not do I think he does not do it, but he is expected to subscribe handsomely to every charity that is going.

SERGEANT-SURGEONS.

Dr. George C. Peachey (Wantage) writes:—In further reference to the query, "Is there a resident medical man in the British Medical Journal of April 28th, 1900, p. 240?" as to the identity of Monsieur Ronjat mentioned by Sterne as the "King’s Sergeant-Surgeon," and my suggestion (June 2nd, 1900, p. 139) to the effect that this might be the search for some historic person who has not been full, the name might be a shandean anagram, permit me to bring to the notice of those interested in the matter. In The Goldedhut Case (editions of 1857, p. 14, et seq.) are to be found full particulars of the illness and accident of W.C. Scott, M.D., of the quarrel over this. In this, the British Medical Journal, and the French surgeon Ronjat; of the subsequent death of the patient’s mother; and of the paper which resulted from the following: Verba de Laotae Elekhe et in overde drugs...