LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS.

It is not that geoncologists are unsympathetic; we realize only too well how real are the symptoms, their various origin, and how powerful are the remedies we have, and why not use them effectively. In the main, we are opposed to birth control in general, provided rational methods are employed. Unhappily we have not yet evolved that knowledge whose range would go to solve many of our present-day problems.

Dr. Alfred A. Mascer (Penultimate) writes: A short time ago I had a patient who had suffered from pain in both iliac fossae and some backache for several months and insomnia. She was childless and 30 years of age, and was five years married. There was some tenderness over the region of the iliac fossae, and on palpation examination both ovaries were slightly enlarged and tender. On inquiring into the cause of her complaint I found her husband had had an 'acute withdrawal' since marriage. After pointing out to both the husband and herself the harmfulness of the method, natural intercourse has since been indulged in. This case illustrates to the patient how much better, the ovaries are normal, and her pains and insomnia have disappeared. I have noted that the practice is harmful to both the male and female, in the latter case causing possibly an instability of balance of the endocrine organs.

Dr. R. Macdonald Laidell (Birmingham) writes: I was pleased to see the letter from Dr. Phillips in your issue of October 2nd, in which he calls attention to the nervous symptoms produced by coffee interurey. I am certain that his experience can be paralleled in many cases, for so often does he have learned to tolerate the syndrome. It is not only the women who suffer, but their partners also, are apt to develop a mild anxiety state, accompanied by irritation, and often to show to know clearly that the judicial separations owe their origin to quarronlessness engendered by coffee. This anxiety state is common, too, in young men and women during the "walking out" or engagement period. Sometimes the anxiety becomes localized and the tension is so great that the patient believes that he is about to fall a victim to phthisis, cancer, or heart disease. Further, in general, practitioners should be aware of the knowledge of sex psychology to be able to recognize and deal with these cases on common-sense, matter-of-fact lines.

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Liquor Opii Sedativus.

Messrs. Allen and Hanbury's ask us to state that the morphine content of liquor opii sedativus (Battens) has been increased from 1.5 to 1.5 per cent. so that each fluid dram now contains 1 grain morphine. The dose has been reduced from 5 to 15 minims to 5 to 10 minims.

1927 Motor Cars.

Last week's issue of the Author contained a buyers' guide to 1927 model motor cars. The guide consists of an alphabetical list of all the cars which will be on the British market for the coming year, and gives details of each car in a complete form. A full specification, the principal measurements, the number of seats, the weight, and the prices, both for the chassis and the complete car.

Erratum.

The paragraph of news relating to Dr. Hermann Brether in the Journal of October 9th (p. 669) should have stated that the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Dr. Hermann Brether was celebrated at the hospital in the city of Bremer on the 25th of the month. The anniversary was marked by the founding of a new hospital, the first hospital to be opened in the last 50 years.

Vacancies.

Notications of offices vacant in universities, medical colleges, and other associations of educational institutions, will be found at pages 44, 45, 46, 47, 50, and 51 of our advertisement columns, and advertisements as to partnerships, assistantships, and senarios will be found at pages 48, 49, 50, and 51.

A short summary of vacant posts noted in the advertisement columns appears in the Supplement at page 187.