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Neither is reference made to the shiploads of drivelling literature, American or whatnot, that pours into the country. This is inevitable where the multitude commence their education by learning to read and finish it at the picture shows. And any lack of this brand of printed matter would be a cause of rejoicing.

What does concern us is the fact that text-books are getting scarcer. Those from American sources are fairly plentiful, but their number is inversely in ratio to their value to a student, generally speaking. Books from Europe, which are currently believed to be indispensable to us, are no longer procurable; or even if they are obtainable, it takes months to get an odd batch safely into the local bookshops. No doubt the booksellers will continue to take umbrage and loudly exclaim against any assertion that there is a shortage of books. But even that is not going to do us any good.
That is the position just at present. Of course it is due to the war, and the present domestic unpleasantness is not going to lessen the difficulty. All those optimists who cheerfully predicted a short war are now either dead or disgusted, and the longer the war lasts the more acute will the scarcity of text-books become. Thus it is quite possible that men in the medical course will be faced with the prospect of working for examinations minus text-books.

To obviate this, two alternatives present themselves. Firstly, each lecturer could have his lectures in book-form, perhaps more detailed than usual, and men would then be examined on these alone. This is open to many objections, for works of reference are essential in a course like medicine, especially for those doing honours.

The other alternative would be the formulation of a scheme for the conservation of text-books. Men passing the annual examinations from first year to the final examinations would relinquish their books into a common stock, either to be lent or else sold reasonably, as should prove expedient. Any haphazard method of individual disposal would be most undesirable. Each of us can recall the honeyed words that beguiled us as freshers into buying the hoary ancestors of the modern books, chiefly of the tertiary period. Many of us in later years may have joined the ranks of the sirens, but this only serves to prove the contention.

If it proves necessary to provide some such scheme, then it is essential that the whole thing should be regulated by an authoritative body. For the protection of the students, who up to the present have paid through the nose for more or less legitimate increases in price, and for the easy working of the scheme, any available supplies of fresh books would be got direct from their source.

The question is one that must become more pressing as time goes on and the war continues. At the very least it bears earnest consideration, and those who rule our destinies for the time being might do worse than face the difficulty before it becomes more urgent.
It is with very great regret that we record the passing of Dr. Gil. Lamble. While we knew he was desperately ill, still his death comes as a heavy blow. Those of us who were under him will cherish our relationship with him as long as we cherish anything. As a lecturer and an examiner he proved himself a man and a friend. A more adequate tribute to his memory is paid elsewhere.

Whom the gods love—

The faculty has decided that early examinations for both honours and pass candidates will be held in November, 1918.

At the present slow rate of progress of the war, the present fourth year should easily be in evidence at the final trimming of Thor's whiskers.

Why is it that students have to be driven into writing for the Speculum? There must be plenty who can write suitably. Those who can't would dashed soon find out. They needn't be afraid of souring the Editor's young life. That was done in his early youth. Women students never seem to feel called upon to do anything of the kind. It can't be that they are ashamed to, for they read the paper readily enough. It can't be that they are too modest—at least, we mean their identity would be kept terribly secret, trust us. Again and again does the Dean implore the students at the Annual Meeting to try their skill at prose and verse. Again and again the crowd cheers in perfect agreement, supplemented by an alcoholic manifestation from the back rows. But when it is all over, and the froth is off the Foster's, there is the same old tale. If it is worth while having a journal, it is worth while supporting it.

Communications from Old Boys especially will be met at boat or train.

The Committee of the W.H. earlier in the year raised the fees for students to £12/12/-, including both obstetrics and gynaecology, in place of the original £8/8/- and £2/2/-.

The increase was to have come into force in July, but on the
M.S.S. indicating the unfairness to some of the present fifth year, that indefatigable friend of the students, Dr. Felix Meyer, was deputed by the Faculty to wait upon the W.H. Committee. After some discussion the request was agreed to, and the new arrangement will not come into operation until September, with the advent of the present fourth year at the W.H. Thus we must exact another two guineas from our long-suffering parents. Daily it becomes more difficult to make ends end—train fares, petrol, beer and neckties are more costly than ever. Doreen demands more expensive chocolates, and in the words of friend Pepys, "So what shall be the end of it, God knows."

We hold no brief for disloyalty nor for the crude ideals of undergraduate Fenians, pacifists and newer nationalists. But we congratulate the Editor of the M.U.M. on the manly way in which she weathered the late storm. The returned soldiers who carried out the immersion in the lake expressed our opinion of the writer and his views, but our tears are not for him nor for his friends of like kidney. We weep for the crowd on the outskirts, bleating in excited unison, "Push him right in." They have never heartened a depressed editor with copy. They have never raised a hand to help their University, their fellows, nor their country. Their patriotism is for the most part an expression of shallow platitudes, and they conform to their conventional type with less originality than a spirochète. As one, late of a brutal and debased soldiery, crudely but sagely remarked: "Heaven help 'em! They have neither ideas nor guts!"

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Lieutenant W. H. C. Buntine, M.C.

Lieutenant Walter Horace Carlyle Buntine, M.C., was killed on July 19th last, at Turnberry, in Scotland. We learn that he had been appointed to the Instructional Staff temporarily, at the School of Aerial Gunnery. He met his death by aeroplane accident whilst a passenger.

Lyle Buntine was educated at the Caulfield Grammar School, where he took a large share of the honours in work and in sport. Proceeding to the Melbourne University, he was attending lectures in medicine when war broke out. He immediately volunteered, but being only 18 years of age had to obtain his parents' consent, which was not given till 1915, when he left with the A.A.M.C. as a corporal. In England he transferred to the English Army, obtaining his commission first in the Sherwood Foresters, and later in the Royal Flying Corps.

In July, 1916, he left with his unit for France, and saw service during the Somme offensive and at Pozieres, where he won his Military Cross. He was shot down six times by anti-aircraft guns, and was wounded in the arm at Gommecourt. After some weeks in hospital he returned for a few months
Lieut. W. H. C. Buntine, M.C.

to Australia, and then left again to report for duty, when he met his death. To his people we offer our very sincere sympathy, and those of us who knew Lyle felt that he would always give of his best for Australia and the Empire.

"A very gallant gentleman."

Late Dr. Lamble.

Gilbert Lamble was born at Heathcote in 1885, and educated at Geelong College, from which he matriculated with honours in physics and chemistry. Entering the Medical School, he gained honours in natural philosophy at the end of the first year, and completed the three following years without break; but he then lost a year through his first attack of pulmonary trouble. At the outset he was connected with Trinity College, but subsequently he became a resident student in Queen's College, with which his association became closer and closer. He graduated at Christmas, 1908, with first-class honours and the scholarships in therapeutics, dietetics and hygiene, and second-class honours in medicine, including mid-
wifery, and in surgery, including gynaecology. With difficulty his medical advisers persuaded him not to become resident medical officer in the Melbourne Hospital. At the beginning of March, 1909, he was appointed Junior Demonstrator of Pathology, and in May, 1910, he became Stewart Lecturer on Pathology, in which capacity he rendered excellent service for two years. At the Australasian Medical Congress in Sydney in September, 1911, he submitted a paper on "Histological Studies compared with the Wassermann Reaction." In this he gave the results of a hundred consecutive post-mortem examinations at the Children's Hospital, in which the histological appearances were checked by independent performance of the Wassermann test. The closest possible correspondence was shown between the histological criteria of syphilis and the serum reaction. Partial serum reactions were explained as probably equivalent to quiescent or retrocedent syphilis. Conclusive proof was given of the immense importance of syphilis as a factor in infantile mortality. This paper, submitted as a thesis, gained him the degree of M.D. in the following December.
During the year 1912, when Professor Allen was absent in Europe, Dr. Lamble was Acting Professor of Pathology, and a member of the Professorial Board and of the Faculty of Medicine. On March 17th, 1913, the Council passed a special vote of thanks to him “for his excellent service as Stewart Lecturer, and for the highly satisfactory discharge of the duties of Acting Professor of Pathology during the first year.” His health again failing, he spent 1913 at Corowa with his friend and fellow-student, Dr. J. H. Anderson. In March, 1914, he was appointed Lecturer on Histology and Human Embryology. Till that time, histology had been taught on biological lines, but Dr. Lamble made it a course of human histology and an effective preparation for work in pathological histology. Recovering from an attack of appendicitis, he was able to enjoy a holiday in Tasmania at the following Christmas. In 1915 he suffered from bouts of illness, including a large haemorrhage in July; but with iron resolution he conducted his classes till August, 1916, when he definitely resigned. His work at Queen’s College, first as tutor in medicine and surgery, and afterwards as resident tutor, also came to an end.

From time to time his health seemed to improve, and he hoped to take up private practice in clinical pathology; but his strength gradually waned till he died on July 20th, 1917, aged 32.

To know Gilbert Lamble was to love him. There was in him a conspicuous absence of evil. Pure in heart, the soul of truth, loyal to his convictions and to his friends, gentle and courteous in all his ways, though naturally tenacious and resolute, he was a friend indeed to those who had the good fortune to be intimate with him. His judgment was singularly sound. His literary taste was keen and catholic. As a scientific worker he was painstaking and accurate. He struggled against illness with dauntless courage, and in the presence of defeat his patience knew neither break nor end.

H.B.A.

It is proposed to form a fund for the purpose of establishing some tangible memorial of Dr. G. Lamble. Those desiring to contribute to this fund, and that includes all students, are asked to place their contributions in the hands of their year representatives or any member of the committee.

The M.S.S. has voted £5/5/- to this object. Old Boys are invited to lend their assistance.
The Carrel Method of Wound Sterilization.

By B. T. Zwar.

There have been few questions in military surgery that have attracted more urgent attention than the one of the treatment of infected wounds. The character of the wounds, together with the nature of infection and the damage to the tissues, is far greater in the present war than in previous wars. The use of Wright's solution, the solutions of the salts of mercury, the carbolic acid groups, and numerous other antiseptics failed to combat the wound infection on account of their irritating and toxic action upon the tissues.

When it was realised that the immediate sterilisation of badly infected wounds by the application of these strong antiseptics was rarely, if ever, successful, attention was turned to other means. This led to the elaboration of two methods of treating septic wounds, which may be called the "physiological" and the "antiseptic." The former, advocated by Sir Almroth Wright, consists of the employment of salt solutions of varying concentration. These solutions provoke an increased flow of lymph from the wound surfaces and accelerate the natural processes of repair. The latter involves the use of more active chemical agents of a relatively mild type, which are applied repeatedly or continuously. This method includes the "BIPP" paste (bismuth subnit., iodoform, paraffin) application of Rutherford Morison, the "Eusol" (Edinburgh University Solution) of Professor Lorrain Smith, and the solution of hypochlorites and its application elaborated by Dakin and Carrel. The application of the solution of hypochlorite of soda, known as "Dakin's fluid," applied according to the method elaborated by Dr. Carrel, is known as the Carrel method of wound sterilisation. It has gradually replaced the other methods, is giving most gratifying results, and should prove of immense value in the treatment of septic wounds in civil practice.

The measure of the success achieved in the treatment of infected wounds with the solutions of hypochlorites mainly depends on carrying out the details of the technique. In Dakin's own words, "success or failure depends to a greater extent upon this than upon minor details in the composition of the solution."

Dakin's fluid consists of a 0.45 to 0.50 per cent. solution of sodium hypochlorite. The amount of free hypochlorous acid in it is smaller than in "Eusol," and it can be used continuously without irritation. It is important that the fluid should
not contain more than 0.50 per cent. of hypochlorites, for if it does, it becomes too caustic; it should not contain less than 0.45 per cent. or it becomes too weak.

Regarding the principles of its application, emphasis must be laid on the fact that the most effective method is the intermittent instillation at intervals of two hours, and not constant irrigation. To carry out its application effectively, it is essential to employ apparatus similar to that which has been specially designed by Carrel. This consists of a reservoir for holding the solution, which resembles a Kelly infusion bottle, and is graduated in cubic centimeters. The neck of the reservoir is closed with a rubber stopper, through which a glass thistle passes. The bulbous portion of the thistle is filled with sterile cotton; this thistle serves the double purpose of preventing loss of chlorine from the solution and allowing sufficient atmospheric pressure to permit a free flow of the solution from the reservoir to the tube. The projection at the bottom of the reservoir, to which the tube which carries the solution into the distributor is attached, is a continuation of the bottom of the reservoir itself, and allows complete drainage from the same. Rubber tubing of 1 cm. outside diameter carries the solution from the reservoir to the distributor. A glass drip, the lumen of which is 6 mm. in diameter, is inserted in the main tube between the outlet of the reservoir and the distributor. This drip indicates the rate and amount of solution flowing from the reservoir. The glass distributors are made so that the inlet can be easily slipped into the rubber tubing from the reservoir. These distributors are made in multiples having from one to five outlets to which Carrel tubes are
attached. The outlets from the distributors should be made so as to allow the easy attachment of the Carrel tubes. The Carrel rubber tubes are approximately 15 to 25 cm. long, and have a diameter of 5 mm., the inside lumen being 3 mm. They should be made of pure rubber so that the end of the tube can be easily tied off. The walls of these tubes are perforated by a series of holes \( \frac{1}{2} \) (one-half) mm. in diameter, at intervals of \( \frac{1}{4} \) cm. The tubes are inserted into the wound after this has been thoroughly opened and explored, bleeding points ligated, foreign bodies removed, and all devitalised tissue excised. The tubes should be carried to the bottom of the wound and gauze placed loosely between them; the gauze prevents the tubes from bunching and helps to retain the solution. A gauze compress is gently placed over the tubes, and the dressing completed by covering with Turkish towelling. The bandage which fixes the dressing must not constrict the tubes, but prevent their displacement.

The reservoir should be elevated not more than three feet above the patient. A stop-cock is placed distal to the outlet of the reservoir. The solution should be allowed to flow into the wound to fill it, not to overflow. The wounds are "laked" or "puddled" with the solution. Where pain is experienced, the reservoir should be lowered; the pain is due either to pressure or the causticity of the solution.

The wounds should be redressed daily, every aseptic precaution being scrupulously observed; the entire dressings should be carried out by means of forceps. The skin surrounding the wound should be thoroughly cleansed with ether, which dissolves the vaseline from the skin. The skin and wound are then gently sponged with a sodium oleate solution, and in case of the wound this is followed by a sponging with Dakin’s solution. The edges of the wound are protected with gauze, which is saturated with sterile vaseline. The Carrel tubes are re-inserted into the wound, the ends attached to the distributors and the dressing completed.

Under this method of treatment of a virulently infected wound, a rapid and remarkable improvement occurs, the infection is brought under control to such an extent that suture and union of the wound edges become possible within a short time and are followed by the most gratifying results. Of the wounds treated at Compiegne by the Carrel method, 99 per cent. have united by first intention, with practically no reaction either along the wound line or the stitches.

It is again emphasised that the success of this treatment is directly proportionate to the thoroughness with which it is
applied, and to the care given to the most minute details of the technique. It is on this account that a brief outline of the technique has been included in this article. For further details the reader is referred to the article on "The Carrel Method of Wound Sterilisation," by William O'Neill Sherman, in Surgery, Gynecology, and Obstetrics of March, 1917, to which the writer also acknowledges his indebtedness.

(Since writing the above, I have received a letter from Lt.-Col. Victor Hurley, C.M.G., of No. 2 A.G.H., B.E.F., where he has charge of two surgical wards. Referring to his work, he says:—"So far, the two things which seem to me to be really an advance are Carrel's work and the splinting which is based on Thomas' work and modified in certain details to suit particular cases.")
RHYMES EN ROUTE.

On Deck.

To help me write my song,
I walk the deck along,
   Observing and reflecting,
Till sounds the evening gong.

I hear the rigging rattle,
I hear the children prattle,
   And from the cushioned deck-chairs
The flow of tittle-tattle.

And often, as I've tarried,
I've heard soft voices carried
   From shady nooks that shelter
The flirting of the married.

Metrical Experiments.

An artist that lived at Colon
One morning got up before dawn,
   And sketched, a la Phil May,
The wonderful Spillway,
Before he had anything on.

There was a young girl of Port Said,
Whose voice could awaken the dead
   When she sang, every mummy
Turned round on its tummy,
And finally stood on its head.

What Made me Bilious?

Was it the ham
And the subsequent jam?

Was it the roast,
Or the well-buttered toast?

Was it the curry
I ate in a hurry?
Maybe the salad
Was the cause of this ballad!

Can a lamb's fry
Give you spots in your eye?

Can over-much bread
Make you wake with a head,

Or a helping of fowl
Make you look like an owl?

Can biscuits and cheese
Weaken your knees?

Can squeak and some bubble
Make you see double?

O doctor, please doctor, don't look supercilious,
But tell with professional candour punctilious,
The reason I'm feeling so horribly bilious.

(Doctor, *sotto voce*)
Mag. sulph. and a war-ration diet, the silly ass!

**R.M.S. Remuera.**

West Indies, December, 1916.
Our lamps are faintly glowing,
The moon shines bright with liquid light
On water swiftly flowing
Beneath the tropic night.
The engines' rhythmic ringing,
Its diapason flinging,
Says loud to all—Good fortune fall
Upon the Remuera!
Says loud to all—Good fortune fall
Upon the Remuera!

And from afar appearing,
Some light awhile on lonely isle
Will guide our steady steering,
And beckon mile on mile.
And on the bridge, unsleeping,
The watch, its vigil keeping,
Our doubts dispel—we know all's well
On board the Remuera,
Our doubts dispel—we know all's well
On board the Remuera,

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Pertinent and Impertinent.

By Owen Hatteras.

A EUGENIC WEDDING.

Characters:
A Clergyman.
A Bride.
Four Bridesmaids.
The Bride's Father.
A Bridegroom.
A Best Man.
The Usual Crowd.

The scene is the surgical amphitheatre of a hospital, with a tiled floor. The operating table has been pushed to one side, and in place of it there is a small glass-topped bedside table with a roll of aseptic cotton, a basin of bichloride, a pair of clinical thermometers, a bar of green soap, a beaker of two per cent. carbolic acid, and a microscope. There are no other decorations—no flowers, no white ribbons, no satin cushions. To the left, a door leading into the Anaesthetic Room.

The Clergyman is discovered standing behind the table in an expectant attitude. He is in the white jacket and apron of a surgeon, with his head wrapped in white gauze and a gauze respirator over his mouth. He wears rubber gloves of a dirty yellow colour, evidently much used. The Bridegroom and Best Man have just emerged from the Anaesthetic Room and are standing before him. Both are dressed as he is, save that the Bridegroom's rubber gloves are white. The benches running up the amphitheatre are filled with men and women in overalls.

Presently the Bride comes in from the Anaesthetic Room, accompanied by her Father and followed by the four Bridesmaids. She is dressed in white linen, with a long veil of aseptic gauze. The gauze testifies to its late and careful sterilisation by yellowish scorch. There is a white rubber glove upon the Bride's right hand, but that belonging to her left hand has been removed. The Father is dressed like the Best Man. The
four Bridesmaids are in the garb of surgical nurses, with their hair completely concealed by bandages of white gauze. There is a faint murmur among the spectators.

Clergyman.—Dearly beloved, we are gathered here together in the face of this company to join together this man and this woman in aseptic matrimony, which is commended by Mendel, Ehrlich, Metchnikoff and other eugenists to be honorable among men; and therefore is not to be entered into unadvisedly or carelessly, or without due surgical precautions, but reverently, cleanly, steriley, soberly and with the nearest practicable approach to chemical purity. Into this holy and non-infectious state these two persons present come now to be joined and quarantined. If any man can show just cause, either clinically or microscopically, why they may not be safely sutured together, let him now come forward with his slides and cultures, or else hereafter forever hold his peace.

(Several spectators shuffle their feet, and an old maid giggles, but no one comes forward.)

Clergyman (to the Bride and Bridegroom).—I require and charge both of you, as ye will answer in the dreadful hour of autopsy, when the secrets of all lives shall be disclosed, that if either of you know of any lesion, infection, malaise, congenital defect, hereditary taint or other impediment, why ye may not be lawfully joined together in eugenic matrimony, ye do now confess it. For be ye well assured that if any persons are joined together otherwise than in a state of absolute chemical and bacteriological innocence, their marriage will be septic, unhygienic, pathogenic and toxic, and eugenically null and void.

(The Bridegroom hands over a long envelope, from which the Clergyman extracts a paper bearing a large red seal.)

Clergyman (reading).—We, and each of us, having subjected the bearer, John Doe, to a rigid physical and microscopical examination, in accordance with Form B-3 of the American Eugenic Association, do hereby certify that he is free from all disease, taint, defect, deformity and hereditary blemish, and that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, he is perfectly sound in wind and limb. Temperature, 96.6; pulse, 76; respiration, 27.

(Signed)

Sigmund Kraus, M.D.
John Jones, M.D.
Rudolph Wasserman, M.D.

Ditto on the psychiatric side, so far as I can see.

Herman H. Fink, M.D.
Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Justice of the Peace, for the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, State of New York.

(Seal) Abraham Lechotisky, J.P.

(The Bride thereupon hands up a similar envelope, from which the Clergyman extracts a similar paper.)

Clergyman (reading).—We, and each of us, having subjected the bearer, Mary Roe, to the examination provided for by Form B-4 of the American Eugenic Association, do hereby certify that she is free from all visible disease, taint or blemish, whether hereditary or acquired.

(Signed) Marie W. McGinnis, M.D.
Alice Margery Smith, M.D.
Henrietta Henderson, M.D.

I have examined Mary Roe and find her sane.
Herman H. Fink, M.D.

Subscribed and sworn before me, a Notary Public of the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, State of New York.

(Seal) Mathilda Sweeny,
Notary Public.

(The Clergyman drops both papers into the bowl of bichloride and proceeds.)

Clergyman (to the Bridegroom).—John, wilt thou have this woman to be thy wedded wife, to live together in the holy state of eugenic matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, protect her from all protozoa and bacteria, and keep her in good health; and, forsaking all others, keep thee unto her only, so long as ye both shall live? If so, hold out your tongue.

(The Bridegroom holds out his tongue and the Clergyman inspects it carefully.)

Clergyman (somewhat dubiously).—Fair. I have seen worse. . . . Do you smoke?
Bridegroom.—Not much.
Clergyman.—Well, how much?
Bridegroom.—Say ten cigarettes a day.
Clergyman.—Better taper off to three or four. At all events, make five the limit. How about the booze?
Bridegroom.—Never!
Clergyman.—What! Never?
Bridegroom.—Well, never again!
Clergyman.—So they all say. The answer is almost part of the liturgy. But have a care, my dear fellow! The true eugenist eschews the wine cup. In every hundred grandchildren of a man who ingests one fluid ounce of alcohol a day,
six will be left-handed, twelve will be astigmatic, and nineteen
will suffer from albuminuria, with delusions of persecution.

Have you ever had anthrax?
Bridegroom.—Not yet.
Clergyman.—Eczema?
Bridegroom.—No.
Clergyman.—Pott's Disease?
Bridegroom.—No.
Clergyman.—Cholelithiasis?
Bridegroom.—No.
Clergyman.—Do you have a feeling of distention after
meals?
Bridegroom.—No.
Clergyman.—Have you a dry, hacking cough?
Bridegroom.—Not at present?
Clergyman.—Are you troubled with insomnia?
Bridegroom.—No.
Clergyman.—Dyspepsia?
Bridegroom.—No.
Clergyman.—Agoraphobia?
Bridegroom.—No.
Clergyman.—Do you bolt your food?
Bridegroom.—No.
Clergyman.—Have you ever been refused life insurance?
Bridegroom.—No.
Clergyman.—What is a staphylococcus?
Bridegroom.—A staphylococcus is a—(he hesitates.)
Clergyman (coming to the rescue)—Wilt thou have this
woman, etcetera? If so, answer by saying, "I will."
Bridegroom (much relieved).—I will.
Clergyman (turning to the Bride).—Mary, wilt thou have
this man to be thy wedded husband, to live together in the
holy state of aseptic matrimony? Wilt thou love him, serve
him, protect him from all adulterated victuals, and keep him
hygienically clothed; and, forsaking all others, keep the only
unto him, so long as ye both shall live? If so—
Bride (instantly and loudly).—I will.
Clergyman.—Not so fast! First, there is the little ceremony
of the clinical thermometer. (He takes up one of the ther-
ometers.) Open your mouth, my dear. (He inserts the
thermometer.) Now hold it there while you count one hun-
dred and fifty. And you, too. (To the Bridegroom.) I had
almost forgotten you. (The Bridegroom opens his mouth, and
the other thermometer is duly planted. While the two are
counting, the Clergyman attempts to turn back one of the
Bride's eyelids, apparently searching for trachoma, but his rubber gloves impede the operation, and so he gives it up. It is now time to read the thermometers. The Bridegroom's is the first removed.)

Clergyman (reading the scale).—Nine-nine points nine. Considering everything, not so bad. (Then he removes and reads the Bride's.) Ninety-eight points six. Exactly normal. Cool, collected, at ease. The classical self-possession of the party of the second part. And now, my dear, may I ask you to hold out your tongue? (The Bride does so.)

Clergyman.—Perfect. . . . There; that will do. Put it back. . . . And now for a few questions—just a few. First, do you use opiates in any form?
Bride.—No.
Clergyman.—Have you ever had goitre?
Bride.—No.
Clergyman.—Yellow fever?
Bride.—No.
Clergyman.—Hæmatemesis?
Bride.—No.
Clergyman.—Síriasis or tachycardia?
Bride.—No.
Clergyman.—What did your maternal grandfather die of?
Bride.—Of chronic interstitial nephritis.
Clergyman (interested).—Ah! our old friend Bright's! A typical case, I take it, with the usual polyuria, òedema of the glottis, flame-shaped retinal hemorrhages and cardiac dilation?
Bride.—Exactly.
Clergyman.—And terminating, I suppose, with the classical uremic symptoms—dyspnœa, convulsions, ùraemic amaurosis, coma and collapse?
Bride.—Including Cheyne-Stokes breathing.
Clergyman.—Ah! most interesting. A protean and beautiful malady; But at the moment, of course, we can’t discuss it profitably. Perhaps later on. . . . Your father, I assume, is alive?
Bride (indicating him).—Yes.
Clergyman.—Well, then, let us proceed. Who giveth this woman to be married to this man?
Father (with a touch of stage fright).—I do.
Clergyman (reassuringly).—You are in good health?
Father.—Yes.
Clergyman.—No dizziness in the morning?
Father.—No.
Clergyman.—No black spots before the eyes?
Father.—No.
Clergyman.—No vague pains in the small of the back?
Father.—No.
Clergyman.—Gout?
Father.—No.
Clergyman.—Chilblains?
Father.—No.
Clergyman.—Sciatica?
Father.—No.
Clergyman.—Buzzing in the ears?
Father.—No.
Clergyman.—Myopia? Chicken pox? Angina pectoris?
Father.—No.
Father.—No.
Clergyman.—Well, then, let us go on.
(The Clergyman, dipping his gloved hands into the bichloride, joins the right hands of the Bride and Bridegroom.)
Clergyman (to the Bridegroom).—Repeat after me: "I, John, take thee, Mary, to be my wedded and aseptic wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness, convalescence, relapse and health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part; and thereto I plight thee my troth."
(The Bridegroom only repeats the formula. The Clergyman now looses their hands, and after another dip into the bichloride, joins them together again.)
Clergyman (to the Bride).—Repeat after me: "I, Mary, take thee, John, to be my aseptic and eugenic husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, to love, to cherish, and to nurse, till death do us part; and thereto I give thee my troth."
(The Bride duly promises. The Best Man then hands over the ring, which the Clergyman drops into the bichloride. It turns green. He fishes it up again, wipes it dry with a piece of aseptic cotton, and presents it to the Bridegroom, who places it upon the third finger of the Bride's left hand. Then the Clergyman goes on with the ceremony, the Bridegroom repeating after him.)
Clergyman.—Repeat after me: "With this sterile ring I thee wed, and with all my worldly goods I thee endow."
(The Clergyman then joins the hands of the Bride and Bridegroom once more, and dipping his own right hand into the bichloride, solemnly sprinkles the pair.)
Clergyman.—Those whom eugenics have joined together, let no pathogenic organism put asunder. (To the assembled company.) Forasmuch as John and Mary have consented together in aseptic wedlock, and have witnessed the same by the exchange of certificates, and have given and pledged their troth, and have declared the same by giving and receiving an aseptic ring, I pronounce that they are man and wife. In the name of Mendel, of Galton, of Havelock Ellis, and of David Star Jordan. Amen.

(The Bride and Bridegroom now kiss, for the first and last time, after which they gargle with two per cent carbolic, and march out of the room, followed by the Bride's Father and the spectators. The Best Man, before departing after them, hands the Clergyman a ten-dollar gold piece in a small phial of twenty per cent bichloride. The Clergyman, after pocketing it, washes his hands with green soap. The Bridesmaids proceed to clean up the room with the remaining bichloride. This done, they and the Clergyman go out. As soon as they are gone, the operating table is pushed back into place by an orderly, a patient is brought in, and a surgeon proceeds to cut off his legs.)

An Anatomical Rhapsody.

Oh, come where your comrades carve up the cadaver,
And catch hold of colons with culpable claws,
Where they cleave through the carpus and cut up carotids,
And cover the corpse for the good of the cause.

Where glottis and gullet and gingivae gather,
And Galen, Gennari and Gudden all listen,
While gay Gracolini gesticulates gladly,
Giannuzzi gallivants with the capsule of Glisson.

Where the pancreas plays with the peritoneum,
And pleurae parade with the primitive streak,
Where the pronator passes the time with a plexus,
And premolars make every effort to speak.

So bury your Berry and burn up your bone set,
Brace up your biceps and brachial veins,
Burst through the bursae and blow up your bronchi,
Bestir your basilic and brush up your brains.
Yes, fly where the formalin gives off its fragrance,
With fatty effluvia well up to the fore,
Where fairy-faced flappers flit round in profusion,
And Fallopius flicks off the flesh from the floor.
—Beecey.

Spiritual.

I spent the night before the exams, in holy terror, with much prayer and fasting; half an hour's prayer, an hour's Path. And so on. I didn't get a moral uplift, for by this time I didn't have any morals. Nor did I go up to my bed more justified than my young brother, who had been to the pictures with one of his girls.

I couldn't go to sleep, so I began to recite over the things that I knew. This was soon over, so I started to count up the things I didn't know. That did the trick.

Some time later I was aware of somebody in my room. I thought it was a burglar, so I told him where the money wasn't, and to mind the step as he went down the hall. The intruder gave a hollow laugh, and announced that he was a spirit. Now, I'm rather fond of spirits, but not late at night. So I seized a boot, whereupon the Spirit made a hasty move towards the door. He was too late, for my boot caught him in the gastro-splenic ligament.

Thoroughly cowed, the Spirit came near me to eat out of my hand, but I wouldn't let him. I sternly asked him what he meant by coming at this hour. He stammered that most of his clients were afraid of him, and he couldn't understand me. So I told him that I once had an oral in Anatomy. At once he became deferential, doubtless fearing what I might do to him. “Things are pretty hot in blazes,” he said; “but they don't approach an Anatomy oral.” This appeased me, and I asked him to take a seat. He sat down on some air that was handy, and began to tell me his life-history. It appears that he was getting about before the Flood, seeking what he might devour. At the time of the Flood he was discovered stowed away on the Ark, and was promptly heaved overboard, not having a passport. Ever since, he had been condemned to go around annoying people. All this was highly interesting, but he shouldn't have picked on me. So I picked up my other boot, and took deadly aim. The Spirit bit the dust.
It wasn't his dust, so I proceeded to give him a damned good hiding. When I was tired, I let him up, and spoke very severely to him. He apologised, and offered to make amends. He asked me if there was anything I wanted to know. I said I wanted to know the Path. paper. He replied that he would ask the devil about it, if I would give him leave of absence. I gave him leave of absence, and such was his respect for me that he came back again.

The Spirit then informed me that he had the Paper on him, but he would only let me see it on one condition. The condition was that I should devote five pounds to the Society of Old Spirits. This seemed quite reasonable, and I agreed. In feverish haste I copied down the questions, and tiring rapidly of the Spirit, I sent him back to Blazes. He decided to go quietly.

In the morning I awoke with some recollection of a strange dream. On the table was a list of questions. They were:
1. Who made you?
2. Why did the menopause?
3. Who first discovered mercury?
4. Wasn't he pleased!
5. Discuss the price of beer in relation to such a hypothesis as a Five pound note.
6. (a) Who first thought of the Board of Examiners?
   (b) On what date was he hanged?
7. Name the daintiest barmaid in Melbourne? State age, if any.

Then I remembered the whole thing. Being poor but dishonest I tried to forget about the promised donation. In the end better feelings triumphed. I went forth into Melbourne streets, and there I met a man with a roving commission. I borrowed five pounds from him, and proceeded to donate it with him.

And it came to pass that we became exceeding merry. But the following day was the morning after.

—“Bullswool.”

SOCIAL EVENTS.
We have a lingering suspicion that there was a dance at the Alfred. Many highly sensational novelties were introduced, including Varley’s hair-razing “Circum. Cantor.”

OPERATIC SURGERY.
Gandy’s ball came off successfully.
Erin Mavourneen—Erin Go Bragh.

We have unearthed this interesting programme:

Balmoral Hotel,
Edinburgh.

Irish Students'
Annual Anniversary Concert.
to take place on—
St. Patricks' Eve, 1895.
Professor S. H. Butcher, LL.D., in the Chair.

Programme.

Item 8 and Item 15.

Song (Topical)  

"I pant for the music that is divine,
My heart in its thirst is a dying flower."

THE VOICE FROM THE PAST.

A topical you sang them on that bygone Patrick's Eve,
And you gave their little weaknesses a rub,
And we bet you got an encore; why, they wouldn't let you leave
The parlour of the old Balmoral Pub.

We can picture you, Capelli, how you pranced along the stage,
While the champagne corks were popping in between,
And we bet you brought the house down when you finished up
the page,
While you waved around your head a dead marine.

Did you brandish a shillelagh as you criticised the heads,
While the audience sang Erin Mavourneen?
Did you get as much attention as you do from the third year
meds.,
When the orals loom up largely on the scene?

You thought you could elude us, nor let on that you could sing,
You didn't think your fame was still alive;
But we're coming round to watch you dance the good old High-
land fling,
As the Scotchmen did in eighteen ninety five.

Yes, we're coming round to see you give the items once again.
So you'd better learn up all the songs you know;
And we'll guarantee you'll fetch us as you fetched the Fenians
then,

Five, ten, fifteen, twenty years ago.

—Beecey.
AROUND THE HOSPITALS.

Melbourne Hospital.

Woe is us! For the Avenger has been among us. Damn the Avenger!
And it has come to pass that the Examiners have smitten us hip and thigh. A highly dangerous proceeding.
Many were called, but few got up, and those who sat for honours used God's name in vain.
For had we not sat in the night watches, chewing tobacco, but eschewing beer! We had.
Much good it did us.
And now our enemies mock and lay gins for our feet.
And lo! we take the gins in our stride.
Moreover, some of us are not as other men, but laugh, saying, Aha!
For some have passed through the Valley of Breath, yea, with honours.
But we, we are desolate, and our pants are torn asunder, and we know not which way to turn. So we walk backwards. For we go to our home, and the shickers go about the street.
Blessed are the shickers. Selah!
The place is changed. Millions of clean white coats.
The influx of new blood hampers our foot-work, but now we can always sport a clean white coat. Many of the old heads have ceased to be, and may be noticed at any time adopting a professional air.
No longer is there any occasion to say, "I don't know," when up against a snag. Things is changed, and "We don't know" shunts into the limbo of unimportance, that which is not understood.

St. Vincent's Notes.

Owing to the curse of exams., things have of late been very quiet. Even Julian's famous lectures have been sparsely attended, notwithstanding the harrowing stories and weird domestic tragedies which the rising young surgeon describes in his own inimitable way.
Leo. Doyle, M.S.—Hearty congratulations.
As usual, Dr. Murray Morton's fine racy clinics have been a feature of the year. When Murray gets you under the pump and hurls at you his Socratic interrogatories, then you
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realise what there is yet to learn—on "general principles" or even "secundum artem."

Mr. Devine has done the other side, and both of these gentlemen are deserving of our best thanks for the pains they have taken and the unfailing courtesy they have shown us.

Dr. Grantley Shelton has been appointed surgeon to out-patients.

Recently the Path, has been stirred up. Dr. Hickey has done excellent work among the neglected microscopic specimens, of which there is an unusually good collection. As these are now all indexed and diagnosed, there is a fine opportunity for the men doing pathology. Among the recent additions is a unique specimen named after its discoverer—Daly's Faecal Spleen.

The King of the Bookmakers has of late acquired the habit of dropping over to Sydney for afternoon tea, and has also presented an extra letter rack to the Students' Rooms—for his own daily batch of letters. If this continues much longer we shall begin to suspect une affaire avec une femme!

The current rumor is that our curly-haired resident always shows Prudence when dealing with casualty cases.

Our three star Hennessy has been shining with extra brilliance. D.D.Sc. in March, Exhibitioner in Pathology, Therapeutics and Public Health in August. Gee whiz! and yet our honoraries stand unawed.

Dr. Alex. Lewers' therapeutic lectures were on practical lines and much appreciated.

Alfred.

We are pleased to record a goodly number who are now no longer boys, but doctors, and about to assume the rank of Captain—good luck go with them. Since their departure, certain among the nurses wend their way sadly and slowly, with downcast eyes and pensive face. Return, Andy—how long?—return e'er the blossoms wither under the stern gaze of the matron.

The great gag, at present is impressing our honoraries. Taking as they do so kindly an interest in our welfare, it is only natural they should enquire about exam results. The following conversation has been overheard several times, with a few variations:

Hon.: "Good morning, my boy,"
My Boy: "Good morning, sir."
Hon.: "How did you get on in your exams, my boy?"
My Boy: "I passed, sir."
Hon.: "What did you pass in, my boy?"
My Boy: "I passed in Bacteriology, Immunity, Pathology, General and Special, Public Health, Regional Anatomy, Therapeutics, Hygiene Dietetics, and Applied Anatomy."
Hon.: "Thank God, I am only an honorary, and am not expected to know anything."

We have to congratulate our ex-President, Tod Lang, on having found his better half—and a very charming better half she is. Tod now wears quite the time-honoured careworn hen-pecked expression of the orthodox paterfamilias.

Among other notable occurrences we must record the interesting fact that Harold appeared for the first time on two consecutive days. It is vaguely reported that he is taking advantage of Charlie Bennett's absence, and tending that little plot of ground where Pansies flourish.

We are glad to announce that the Children's Ward is open again. It is a great sight—pictures, models of ships, a rocking horse, and other things dear to the youngsters adorn the ward, and the place is generally a babel of conversation. It is a most valuable addition from our point of view, and gives us a big pull over the other hospitals.

Finally, just a word to congratulate Jack McDonald, Monty Inglis, and Dave Bodycomb on their successful achievement of acting as residents and stewing for early exams. We appreciate fully the difficulties, and applaud the success.

Case for Commentary.

Dr. W. J. Denehy.

J.R.—Male, act. 53.
Quite well till ten weeks ago, when he gradually became ill; noticed pain in right chest, and then developed a cough. Patient has been in bed during the greater part of his illness.

One day before admission, right chest was needled, and since then he has had pain in right upper abdomen; appetite good; no vomiting; bowels regular. Breathing has been difficult, and he has been coughing up much frothy phlegm since onset; no change in sputum recently; no haemoptysis.

Previous History.—Pleurisy 20 years ago; no other illness.

Family History.—Good; no history of chest complaints.
Clinical Examination.—T. 100.4°, B.P. 120, R. 36. Patient looks ill; is somewhat cyanosed.
Heart.—Displaced en masse towards left axilla. A.B. in 4th space, 3 inches outside nipple line; sounds clear.

Lungs.—Left, hyper-resonant; breathing harsh and puerile. Right, wooden dulness everywhere; complete absence of breath sounds and vocal resonance.

Abdomen.—
Liver.—3 inches below costal margin; enlarged and tender.

Operation under local anaesthesia. Resection of piece of 8th rib; pleura opened; only a little serous or sero-purulent fluid obtained locally.

Temperature persisted, ranging up to 104°; septic type for three or four days; patient becoming gradually worse.

Comment on diagnosis, prognosis, and lines of treatment. [The solution of this case will be found on another page.]

Surgical Commentary.
Mr. L. Doyle, M.S.

D.M., æt. 31, Barman.

Three months ago got an attack of influenza, which lasted a week in bed. When he got up he was weak and groggy, and had no appetite. After a week he went back to work. Before going back he became a dirty duck yellowish colour, which did not affect his eyes, and which lasted for 6 weeks. After working a week, he commenced to get sharp pain near lower border of right ribs. The pain would shoot towards right shoulder for three or four inches. At times when pain was on him he would get a sharp "rheumatic" pain in the shoulder. The pain in "abd." was present for a month at the start—then got better for a month—and now has been present for the past 16 days. Pain not worse after meals, and has never had indigestion. He has had about 5 attacks of vomiting since pain began, and after each pain has been slightly eased. No peculiarity about stools, and for last week urine has been a dirty red colour. He has had no other urinary trouble. Has lost 3 stone weight since illness began. He was X-rayed, and told his liver was in a bad state; his doctor writing, however, says nothing was found. C₂H₆O slight.

Prev.—
O.E.—Pt. is a big man, who looks wasted; has a peculiar muddy colour, and his conjunctiva is faintly tinged. T. 100.6, P. 100, R. 22, B.P. 104; urine, 1020, acid, no alb., no sugar, bile present.
Abdomen.—There is a definite rigidity of upper right rectus, and upper part of it obliques, so that it is impossible to palpable kidney. Tenderness on deep pressure in this area. Liver dullness, 3 finger breadths below costal margin; splenic dullness, slightly invert. Much palpation of back, very painful on right side.

There is marked fullness on right kidney area behind, and some doubtful deep fluctuations can be felt there.

What further means would you take to arrive at a diagnosis? Comment as to diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment.

[Mr. Doyle has offered a prize of £2/2/- for the best solution to this case.—Ed.]

Fifth Year Notes.

Wanted, handy man, tractable, Primitive Methodist preferred. Must be willing to be infected with Epidemic Jaundice. Comfortable home and a good opening for the right man. Apply Jockey, Melbourne Hospital.

Quite accidentally overhearing "Miliaria" at the Antiquarians' Club, the examiners looked up the text-books. The text-books were very scrappy on the subject, apparently considering it almost as rare as death by act of God or shell-shock in oysters. They therefore decided to supplement their knowledge by getting the latest from the students at the exams. They got it. One of the candidates had recently met a man in Kew Asylum who knew all about Miliaria. This man had been a doorkeeper in the British Museum. One of the most treasured possessions in the place was the left boot of the last man to have Miliaria in Great Britain. The man who used to live in this boot was born in 1324 A.D., and was trained on locust and wild honey. Finding out that he was the son of King Edward II., he died of surprise in 1355 A.D., at the age of 31. He left no family that he knew of.

The surgical commentary in the recent exams. was a bit of an eye-opener; indeed, it acted on all the sphincters. But it was nothing to the original one, which was lost in the post on its way to the printers. According to the head-scavenger who found it, this commentary was as follows:—

Man, 40, married three times, with one divorce, born with web-feet but couldn't swim. Eyes normal, teeth missing, language haemorrhagic. No occupation, wife self-supporting. Motion irregular, urine copious up till 6 o'clock p.m. Once
Who's Your Tailor?

Some people decry the value of clothes, but they do so without reflection. The days have gone by when one could afford eccentricity of dress, unless of course, one happens to be independent of friendly criticism. But then, who is really independent of it?

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served in a butcher's shop, but was dismissed for eating the manager. Last seen eating mushrooms, with beer leaves in corners of mouth.

Discuss the case from all points. Where is he now? What is his blood-count? What'll he do next?

Having done our damnedest, some of us on the strength of a dinkum oil straight from the stable, dashed down town and absorbed nourishment with an abandon and nonchalance reminiscent of a prebellum second year, and so by devious (but mostly wet) paths to hospitals, locums and the A.A.M.C. Some of us didn't!

But most of us are still wondering what Miliaria is—and our conjectures varied from divers tubercular lesions to the khaki love of a soldier's flapper. As one sorrowing sportsman remarked, "Had I read my Bible as faithfully as I read my Osler, it had not deserted me in mine extremity."

Although the exams. are over—until November—we still hear with glee an occasional examination bon mot that brightens up these weeks of depression. Brightest and best is the cheerful youth who proved malignancy on the strength of the patient being so debilitated that "she hadn't seen anything for three days." Joyful also was the enthusiasm of the youth who enlivened the treatment of whooping cough by giving the little patient frequent visits to the waxworks—most laudable economy in these days of gas shortage.

Apart from exams., the voice of Scandal is stilled. Although a rolling stone gathers no moss, we hear that Hube's pursuit of the elusive Mister Moss was for some time the joy of the city. But for the most part, a deep quiet broods over all as we prepare to launch forth as fledgling graduates, or ruefully rubbing our ischial collosities, to absorb some more of the rudiments of our art before November—or March.

Fourth Year Notes.

There is nothing interesting to report about Fitchett.

The sympathy of the year is extended to Noel Brown, who consented with great reluctance to have his appendix removed, and, in the words of the nurses, "him so fond of appendages."

Jot has taken to following horses, but it is not meant to imply that he has joined Sinclair's Sikhs—which went on strike in Tin Alley last week—but merely that he is trying to pluck up courage to mount his own, with daily practice on the clothes horse, much to his wife's annoyance.
The motor bike agency is now in the hands of Inky, who advises us of a horn and two headlights for immediate use, and knows where he can get a machine with a full supply of accessories. He also hopes to be able to put up Jacko's stick (with or without Jacko) for auction at his next sale.

We have it on good authority that Butt's son is well on in first year (not medicine), and is cutting his teeth on a stethoscope. He puts Butt through his kneejerk's at the most awkward times.

It is strongly suspected that Hardy and Johnnie Walker belong to our year, and they may go misere at any moment.

Yoffa's fighting weight is now 12 stone 2 lb. 0 oz. 1 dwt. He trains on pine needles and peanuts, and hopes to meet Percy Brunton and to eat him for a fiver. Yoff is favourite. Percy is second favourite. Harold is Yoff's second, with full rights of ingestion of all stray peanuts.

Adrian—the plaster prince—recently put up his 901st leg in plaster, but by mistake he found, when it was too late, that it was the nurse's leg and not the patient's. Nobody was more surprised than the nurse, thanks to Adrian's insinuating ways.

News has arrived from the Alfred that "Hammy" is doing a locum for Stubbe. The patients are showing rapid improvement.

Capillary Roche and Sandy are reported to be spending their "vac." in Footscray, collecting rabbit skins. Sandy carries the bag.

The call of the wild this vac. came from Buffalo. Badly stricken by the surgical anatomy paper, there was a great response from our year. There was Colin and Adrian, Bill Flannagan and Ossy, Crawcour and others too humourous to mention.

What were commonly believed to be severe thunderstorms in the mountains have been definitely traced to Crawcour. It appears that he was guilty of making his ancestral noise with dismal emphasis and rapidity. There is just a chance that he may yet bring down an avalanche on himself.

We are told that it was far too cold for Adrian to hold a full hand. It must have been cold.

Third Year Notes.

Our worthy Rep., Mick, has already marked down a nurse with his eagle eye. His other eye is roving round looking for another nurse.

Yoffa the Younger is gradually spreading himself over
the Melbourne Hospital. It is only a matter of time before he'll leave his mark.

All the honoraries are learning quite a lot of surgery from Ellingworth. He is really very patient with them, and hopes to make something of them yet. Their views are not printable.

Frank Tate was very eager to serve his country first during the vac. Looking for a volunteer job he brought off a brilliant coup by applying at the Trades Hall.

Count has got one foot out of the grave. Now he'll want watching.

Ian Pender behaved in a peculiar fashion on entering the hospital. He hurled three nurses and a brace of wardsmen, also taking the Super. in his stride. It was with very great difficulty that he was coaxed out of the steriliser, where he was eating imaginary hydatids.

Notwithstanding anything heretofore said to the contrary, Springy is hereby placed under the Dog Act in all bailiwicks. He is neither to raise his voice or lower it. Quite recently he was the cause of three elderly, quite respectable women outpatients hurrying rapidly northwards. They mistook his voice for the Riot Act.

Second Year Notes.

"Bones," anyhow, is "up the wattle," bravely remarked one old sage as he flouted the most daring of examiners. After the drum fire has descended on our predecessors we swank it and have settled down on our stools, and even do a little dissecting.

Simon's motor bike is the source of grave annoyance, as it is suspected of having a German exhaust.

Galloping Pat was seen recently with a girl under each wing. His dashing ways and quiet manner seem to deceive the gentler sex. But he means well.

Ossy has taken us through carbohydrates and a couple of dogs with great gusto, and the way we tune up the frogs makes his heart rejoice.

Two small mesoblastic somites were found asleep in the bone room recently, and were removed forcibly by Preston.

There is joy among the angels. (We are the angels.) There will be great changes in the Anatomy Department, but not in the staff. We have been informed that locker accommodation will be provided for two hundred people in the Anatomy School. In addition, the alterations are such that
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Also there is great joy amongst the fibroblasts in fourth year. Similar accommodation is promised at the back of the lecturer, as he faces west. Small hat-peggs for men, large ones for others.

We still cheerfully look down our mikes and curse cell nuclei blue.

O list and hear tell
Of a troublesome cell,
Born, nurtured in hell,
With nucleus stained well,
And Bill Owen's yell
At the sound of the bell.

Dick has started on "Head and Tails," but to most of us it is a toss-up, as the seats are sore hard.

One of the ladies is favourite "for" Ossys' flutter (not Ossy's).

First Year Notes.

The year seems to be drawing to a close, and we are all working like nits with our thinking caps well adjusted. Our dreams become more dreadful and our teeth chatter.

One of our fair sex had the audacity to declare that she saw a really truly centre of gravity in the cloaca of a hydrogen ion the other night. Also, our tame poet has written an ode—

Hope springs eternal in our breast, the poets tell;
And having learnt Nat. Phil., and then, we know as well
That in proportion to our pectoral capacity,
So we have hope; with it tenacity
Of purpose. Is that the reason, then,
That most of those who flop their year are men?

Spring has burst upon us; the ducks quack, also the drakes. All nature looks smilingly on our funny forms. The ladies scatter themselves about round the lake, while the horrid boys play billiards.
In the spring the young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love.
Thoughts of work and such like pleasures from his mind have got the shove.
Things like Chem. and Bi. don't matter, only serve to nark a fella;
He makes the path of dalliance his; he's tracking square with R (sweet) Cella.

But, alas for smiles and dimples,
Springtime brings its crop of pimples.

One of our members is a walking advertisement for himself. On the slightest provocation he will argue or sing, no matter what the subject may be. He is labouring under the delusion that his voice is a tenor. We advise him to keep to notes of lower value, such as the fiver, and to copy its example in being seen seldom in the Club House.

From the dear dark lady we have it on good authority that when Prof. Masson is very tired of lecturing the sweet innocent face of dear little Grub cheers him up wonderfully.

Our adipose veteran, his favourite colour being red (vide his bike and best girl), is warned to keep it for these two hemorrhagic and to repress all desire to see Melbourne the same hemorrhagic hue.

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The Lodge Question.
By C. S. Crouch, Sec. B.M.A.

The climax of the long-standing contention between the medical profession in Victoria and the Friendly Societies has been reached. The representatives of the latter have offered to make certain concessions as their final answer to the demands of the profession. The Council of the Victorian Branch of the British Medical Association, after full consideration, has intimated to the Friendly Societies' Association that it does not regard these offers of compromise as being acceptable. It may be well to recall the different stages by which the present impasse has been arrived at.

Prior to 1913 the medical profession in Victoria was but little organised, and individual lodges made their own terms with their respective medical officers. As a natural result lodges, anxious to do their best for their members, often set off one doctor against another, and an absurd cutting of fees
resulted. The effect is to be seen in the ridiculously low rates prevailing at the present time—rates as low as 12/6 per member per annum, and with an average of 14/- per member per annum.

A thorough organisation of the profession was undertaken in 1913, and 90 per cent. of the reputable members practising in Victoria became members of the British Medical Association. On the 13th December in that year a conference took place between representatives of the British Medical Association and of the Friendly Societies, at which the claims of the medical officers of lodges for a substantial improvement in their conditions were laid before the Friendly Societies in the form of a document known as the Common Form of Agreement. The really substantial and important clauses in that agreement were those dealing with the rate of remuneration, and what is known as the "Income Limit." As regards the former, it stipulates for £1 per annum per member for Melbourne, and the large cities in the country, while the rate is to be 26/- for the country, with mileage and medicine as extras. The "Income Limit" provisions are not to be retrospective, but for all future members joining lodges it is laid down that only those whose incomes are £208 and under are to be eligible for medical benefits, but that their incomes may afterwards increase to £312 before they become ineligible. Provision is also made for the continuance of medical benefits to those otherwise ineligible, under special circumstances.

Negotiations were so far completed with the Friendly Societies that it was arranged that a sub-committee of five delegates appointed by each of the respective sides should meet "to get to close grips" and report to a subsequent full meeting on the 22nd August, 1914. The sub-committee of five met, as arranged, on the 8th August, but in the meantime portentous events had happened—the Empire was at war! Before any discussion occurred, one of the delegates from the B.M.A. moved the following resolution:—"That in this national emergency a recommendation be sent to the Council of the British Medical Association and of the Association of Friendly Societies in Victoria to postpone consideration of the matters now under consideration to some future date." There was a feeling that bad times were imminent, more especially for the working classes. The B.M.A. delegates were thanked for their kindly thought, and Mr. Liston, on behalf of the Friendly Societies, seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously. It was agreed that nothing should be done on either side in the meantime to alter the status quo,
and the two secretaries were authorised to confer at some future date undetermined, and call the respective sub-committees together to re-open the interrupted negotiations.

For nearly three years the members of the profession, though becoming restive, refrained from any further action. It was evident, however, that the financial stress which was anticipated had not occurred; that, on the contrary, there was a great increase in the prosperity of the wage-earners, and an unexampled rise in their wages; that, on the other hand, the expenses of medical men had gone up very considerably, and thus the cost of carrying on a practice had greatly advanced. At length the Council of the Branch was moved to request a resumption of the interrupted negotiations of 1914, and after some objection, the Friendly Societies agreed. It is unnecessary to describe the different stages which led up to the final conference of the sub-committees on the 4th August. At that meeting the delegates from the Friendly Societies announced as their final offer: 17/- per member per annum for town lodges; 24/- for the country; 14/- for women's lodges; deletion of clauses respecting an income limit.

At a special meeting of the Council of the British Medical Association, held on the 8th August, it was unanimously resolved to refuse acceptance of these terms.

This, then, is how, for the present, the matter stands. It cannot thus remain, and the Council relies with confidence upon the active and wholehearted support of the profession in any further action which it may be necessary to take.

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**Lay of the Last Spirochaete.**

S.P. was a wrathful bug to see,
And a wrathful bug he well might be;
As he swam around in solitary state
He howled aloud at his dismal fate;
For he the last of a family old
Was held in thrall by a scientist bold.

"Here's me in the midst of human brine,"
He howled; then dropping his voice to a whine,
He prayed his captor to set him free,
If only to go on a temporary spree.
But his captor gave him a wintry smile,
For he was immune to a spirochaete's wile.
The scientist bold took a platinum wire,
And soon it was shining red-hot in the fire.
S.P. tried to dodge underneath a lamella,
His crafty cell-nucleus far down his flagella.
Then gnashing his gums, he swam in full flight,
And inside a pus-cell he stayed for the night.

The following day was dreary and cold,
And S.P. was looking world-weary and old.
When suddenly down came a bolt from the blue;
He sprang to attention—one turn of his screw.
The bolt from the blue was a platinum loop
That caught S.P. up in a terrible swoop.

His master gave vent to a cynical laugh
The whiles he invented S.P.'s epitaph.
Still laughing, he was in a whimsical strain,
What time he piled on the Giemsa stain.
At once our friend Pallidum started to bleat,
And craven in death proved no true spirochaete.

And as he lay backwards to yield up the ghost,
He thought of the man who had been his last host,
This man was a squire of lowly degree—
A Master of Arts and a double L. B.
This host had treated him long and well—
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S.P. was a doleful bug to see,
And a dolorous bug he well might be.
For was he not dyeing a brilliant pink
Without the comfort of Indian Ink?
With curling twists of his tail far-flung,
He died, unhonoured, unwept, unsung.

*Presumably Ung. Hyd. Subchlor.

—Bar-this.

Correspondence.

The University,
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The Editor of The Speculum.

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for wearing the home service badge on their Citizen Force uniforms. He is apparently one of the many, who, concealing their identity with a nom-de-plume, write at random without first making sure of any facts concerning the subject about which they write. If he had made even the slightest inquiry, he would have learned that, about the middle of 1916, the Medical and Military Authorities, realising the great need for doctors in the A.A.M.C., decided that all who had then passed their first year ought to complete their courses; and on signing a declaration that they would go on active service as soon as they had done so, these students were issued with the brass home service badge. No objection was raised by anybody to the wearing of these badges; but as soon as the red crowns are worn on the military uniforms, there is a storm of protest from persons like your correspondent. This red crown on the uniforms is simply the equivalent of the brass home service badge for civilian dress, and as the authorities recognise our work as medical students as home service, we are therefore fully entitled to this badge, and are not, as the writer alleges, "sailing under false colours."

Now, as to your correspondent himself:—

1. If he is a soldier, returned to complete his course, I grant he has a certain right to criticise others who have not yet been to the front, but how can he speak in this way of those who are remaining to finish the course when he himself has come back for precisely the same reason?

2. If he is not a returned soldier, what right has he to direct others, at present on home service, to the Recruiting Depot, while he himself remains safely at home?

He says "the number of doctors at present are more than enough for our needs abroad." How is it, then, that the authorities are keeping men back to complete their courses, and are continually calling for more medical men for active service?

Lastly, he states that "no difficulty is placed in the way of men who enlist in a combatant unit." In regard to this, it will suffice to quote the following case of a third year man who was in camp with the infantry for a fortnight when it was discovered that he was a medical student; whereupon he was at once discharged, and sent back to resume his studies.

Trusting you will grant me space for publication of this letter, in order to remove the erroneous idea created by your correspondent.

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1st—Pain in right side of chest.
2nd—Cough.
3rd—The physical signs and the report as to needling—abdominal pain since.
4th—Operation with unsatisfactory results.
5th—Persistence of symptoms.

I would suggest the perusal of an article like that of French on Pain in the Chest, also on Cough. This is not, however, a case in which a detailed list of causes of such symptoms are necessary. We are given so much further information that we are forced to a diagnosis which must rest between an effusion into the right pleural cavity and a very extensive consolidation of the lung. I would refer you to Osler's excellent differential diagnosis between these conditions.

As to the results of operation, a study of pleural effusions and their causation would now be essential, briefly mentioning the aetiology (especially the bacteriology) and the primary and secondary causes. The unsatisfactory result would suggest that the pleural effusion was merely a secondary consideration. This brings us to the conditions which might excite such an effusion.

Some of the chief ones are:

1. Lung, e.g., neoplasms, Tubercle, Hydatid, Abscess, Infarit.
2. Mediastinum, e.g., neoplasm, Abscess.
3. Liver and Subphrenic Abscess.

I think a discussion of a few such causes and the possible findings would now suffice to restrict our diagnosis to Abscess above the diaphragm or below it with extension. Such a diagnosis would, of course, include Suppurating Hydatid. Prognosis in this condition would necessarily be grave, but is still graver owing to the duration of the illness.

Further discussion on prognosis would be intimately associated with lines of treatment.

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MANAGER: "Thank you, Sir. This chair, please."

EPISODE II.

Time: One hour later.

M.O.: "Well, I feel a new man! Bai Jove! that Hairdresser is a lovely tradesman, and your Masseur is undoubtedly an expert at Massaging. I shall certainly inform my friends."

MANAGER: "Thank you, Sir."

M.O.: "Your Manicurist is very good at her work, also. It's very hard to find good Manicurists. Oh! and that idea of pressing my clothes for me, while I was in the bath! Bai Jove, that's splendid! Now, I'll just adjourn to your Smoking Room, and enjoy a nice cigar. Good morning."

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I have purposely left part of the third feature till this stage (i.e., Abdominal pain since), in order to impress on you the importance of care in using an exploring needle, and also the possible termination of a pulmonary abscess, apart from carelessness in exploring, by rupture through the diaphragm with the formation of a subphrenic abscess, and later, perhaps, of a general infection of the peritoneum. Remember, too, that similar infection upwards through the diaphragm also occurs.

The post-mortem findings in this case were as follow:

Right lung entirely replaced by a single Hydatid Cyst, which was suppurating, and which had been effectively drained at a second operation not mentioned before. This showed extension through diaphragm with formation of a large abscess cavity on superior surface of Right Lobe of the Liver. Death was due to General Peritonitis, consequent on the above conditions and the general Toxaemia and Exhaustion so caused. A curious and instructive feature was the presence of other Hydatid Cysts, viz.,

(i.) In left lobe of liver.
(ii.) Two cysts in the mesentery.
(iii.) Three cysts in the urinary bladder wall.

The points to be learned from these findings are:

(i.) the possibility of hydatid cysts being present without giving symptoms;
(ii.) the importance of making a complete and systematic examination;
(iii.) the possibility even after systematic examination of missing large cysts.

E.g., 1. That in liver did not cause any obvious enlargement.
2. Those in mesentery were approximately the size of an egg, and would not be palpable.
3. Those in bladder wall were all lying within the bony pelvis, two being very large; it seemed extraordinary that they should cause no symptoms. Probably rectal examination would have brought them under notice if there had been any indication for such examination.
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Diplococcus.—

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And Spring was in the air:
And I was a lord and a courtier fine,
And she was a lady fair.
But now she’s married, a mother is she—
Her husband serves her hard.
There’s seven of them, and what about me?
Oh, I am a doggerel bard."

By Gawd, you are.

"Punter."—Your humorous story dates back to Sodom and Gomorrah. But it ruptured the office cat, who hadn’t heard it before.

J. Hop.—“A Long Lyric?” How long, O Lord, how long! Out of your own mouth you are condemned.

“I love you, Mary, I love you true,
If I were older I’d die for you.
Come back to me or I shall die;
Did ever a lover feel just like I.”

Yes. We does. Worser.

K. Eats.—You have more sonnets, but you don’t like to put all your eggs in one basket? Very well. Send ’em along to us and we’ll do the trick for you.

Jefferson Brick.—Extracts from the Press missed the bus. Look up recent War Crys or Truth.

“Buccal.”—Close season for odes. Have a shot at something brisker. You’ve got an ear for metre.

J.G.H.—Poems passed away peacefully. Prose not quite good enough. It needs more brevity.

THE SONG OF THE “MIDDLE-AGED BLOKE.”

“Oh, I love to tell the story,
The story of my life;
Of things in which I glory
But do not tell my wife.
The pretty girls I used to know;
Perhaps I know ’em still. What ho!
Oh, I hear their voices singing
Across the fleeting years.
Don’t let her hear ’em ringing;
Dear God, she’d bite my ears.
Their husbands, too, might get to know;
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As far as we can make out, the lecturer observed that without doubt intellect could be measured by the size of the head. Indeed, he might mention in passing that he took 7¼ in hats himself. Whereupon all the little-headed men in the audience whistled obscenely, and some cried "Shame," and the men with big heads looked important.

The lecturer went on to say that length of hair certainly had something to do with it.

This was the last straw. Out of the audience there leapt two bald men of ferocious aspect and surly mien. They chased the lecturer twice round the platform, gaining at every stride, when unexpectedly he reverted to type, and, scaling an electric wire, he switched off the lights.

Our reporter came home by anastomatic streets in a fainting condition. We applied stimulants, but being a Scotchman, he took a long while to come round. Resting his mylo-hyoids for a moment, he commenced to denounce the lecturer in strong language. He finished up by saying that everybody knew the convolution of the brain had nothing to do with intellect; what was the ruling factor? He asked us several times. We did not know. With a last gasp he stated that the corrugations of the gluteus maximus were the only sure guide.

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