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BOYD, SIDNEY, M.S. Lond., F.R.C.S. Eng., has been appointed Assistant Surgeon to the Belgrave Hospital for Children and Surgeon to the Mildmay Hospital, Bethnal Green.

DE SOUZA, D. H., M.D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., has been appointed House Physician to University College Hospital.

FERNIE, F. E., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lond., has been appointed Certifying Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Act for the Stone District of the county of Stafford.

HANCOCK, W. ILBERT, F.R.C.S. Eng., has been appointed Assistant Surgeon to the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital (Moorfields).

HOGARTH, ROBERT GEORGE, F.R.C.S. Eng., has been appointed one of the Medical Referees under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, for County Court Circuit No. 18, and to be attached more particularly to Nottingham, Newark, and Bingham County Courts.

KAUFFMANN, OTTO JACKSON, M.D. Lond., has been appointed one of the Medical Referees under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, for County Court Circuit No. 26.

MAITLAND, LYTTON PELHAM, M.B., B.S. Lond., has been appointed Medical Registrar to Charing Cross Hospital.

RUTHERFORD, JAMES M., M.B., C.M., M.R.C.P. Edin., has been appointed Senior Resident Physician to Brislington House, Bristol.

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For further information regarding each vacancy reference should be made to the advertisement (see Index).

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

- CLOGG.**—On April 20th, the wife of H. S. Clogg, M.S., F.R.C.S., o 143, Harley-street, W., of a son.
- PARKS.**—On April 23rd, at "Easedale," Walton-on-Thames, the wife of Norris J. Parks, L.D.S., of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

- BARNES—BARTLETT.**—On April 20th, at Barnham Broom Church, Norfolk, Henry Edgar Barnes, M.D., to Isabel Florence, younger daughter of the Rev. J. E. P. Bartlett, rector of Barnham Broom.
- GARDNER—RAMBAUT.**—On April 28th, at Oxon Church, Shrewsbury, by Rev. W. D. Fletcher, assisted by the Rev. St. Aubyn Arkwright, Dr. Henry Willoughby Gardner, of Shrewsbury, son of the late Henry Gardner of Liverpool, to Mary Louisa, younger daughter of the late Rev. Edmund F. Rambaut of Blackrock, co. Dublin.
- REID—CLAPPERTON.**—On April 21st, at the Church of St. Mary-le-bone, London, Archibald Douglas Reid, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., to Annie Allan, daughter of the late John Clapperton and of Mrs. Clapperton of Greenock.
- ROWLETTE—DAY.**—On April 22nd, at Greystones Church, Robert James Rowlette, M.D., to Gladys Muriel, eldest daughter of the late Russel Camper Day, of the Secretary's Office, G.P.O., Dublin, and of Mrs. Camper Day.
- WHITTING—CASSELS.**—On April 24th, at St. Mark's, Pennington, Hants, Robert Everard Whitting, M.D., to Morna Helen, second daughter of Y. A. Cassels, Esq., of View Park, Broomhill, Glasgow.

DEATHS.

- RANDELL.**—On April 22nd, at Vanbrugh Park, Blackheath, Edward Benjamin Randell, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.D.S., in his 73rd year.

Notes, Short Comments, and Answers to Correspondents.

THE MISUSE OF PRESCRIPTIONS.

WE have on previous occasions commented upon the various misuses to which prescriptions may be put. We now learn that the pharmacists of Philadelphia have drawn up a draft set of rules, which they have submitted to the American Pharmaceutical Association, as being likely to meet with the approval of the medical profession. Among these rules are the following:—

First.—The prescription is an utterance of the prescriber, who alone should direct and control its employment. It should, whenever practicable, carry the name of the patient, and if a minor, the age in years and the date when written.

Second.—The pharmacist who prepares the medicine should retain the prescription for reference, as a record of his services and for a certain limited period, not less than five years, for the protection of the prescriber, himself, and the patient. The physician, when delivering the written prescription, should impress upon the patient that it is an order for medicines, subject to conditions and limitations.

Third.—The medicine prescribed should not be supplied more than once on the same prescription: (1) if ordered by the prescriber "not to be repeated" (N. rep.); (2) if containing medicinal substances commonly called narcotics, or "habit-forming" drugs; (3) if called for by some person known not to be the original holder thereof; (4) a declaration to this effect should appear on the prescription blank over the doctor's signature.

Fourth.—No copy of a prescription shall be furnished to the patient: (1) if the physician has declared such prescription non-renewable; (2) if it contains a narcotic or a habit-forming drug.

For the purpose of carrying out these rules the pharmacists of Philadelphia have drawn up a special prescription blank bearing, in addition to the usual printed matter, the words: "Note.—The conditions under which this prescription is written will be found on the reverse side hereof." The reverse side of the blank contains the inscription: "This prescription is written for the party whose name appears thereon, for the present indications only; hence it is not to be renewed without my written consent and no copy of same is to be given. The pharmacist compounding it will kindly preserve same on his prescription file." It seems to us that subsection (3) of the third rule will be impossible to carry out in its entirety—namely, that no medicine shall be supplied more than once on the same prescription, "if called for by some person known not to be the original holder thereof." Surely, the American pharmacists do not expect a patient suffering from typhoid fever or pneumonia to get out of bed and call for his medicine! We suppose that the provision is inserted to checkmate the persons, and they are of common occurrence, to whom some would-be kind friend says, "Oh, try my medicine, it's done me so much good. I'll give you Dr. Sangrado's prescription." Such persons should undoubtedly be put down, but for all that the provision quoted needs alteration. On the whole, however, the rules seem most sensible. We would add that it is obviously open to any medical man to endorse any prescription "Not to be repeated," or "Repeat once or twice only," as the case may be.

THERAPEUTICS EXTRAORDINARY.

THE historico-romantic school of fiction affords many instances of warriors who have received a dozen gaping wounds in battle against stupendous odds being won back to life by the virtue of an elixir prepared by a fair lady cunning in the healing of heroes, or perhaps by some mysterious hermit in whose forest cell the wounded one awakes to consciousness. The annals of sport hold more credible, if less creditable, stories of horses endowed by the administration of a stimulant with an artificial endurance which wins their owners an ill-earned race. But we are inclined to think that neither the pages of history nor of fiction can produce a more striking account of unorthodox dosing than appeared in the police-court reports of the *Daily Express* on April 19th. We read there that Mr. Bodkin, whilst conducting a prosecution of two men named Clark and Norgate for obtaining money under false pretences, told the following story about a convict named Harcourt, upon whose evidence the proceedings were based. "Harcourt wished to obtain a further substantial sum. Accordingly, he underwent examination by a doctor representing a life insurance company, who refused to pass him. When this became known Clark reminded Norgate of a doctor who had prepared a wonderful prescription for him. Clark and Harcourt went to the doctor and obtained the prescription, which was made up by a West-end chemist." Mr. Bodkin proceeded to remark, according to the report before us: "That prescription is now to be seen in the chemist's books, but I do not propose to make it public. It is certainly a wonderful thing, because after he had been stiffened and strengthened by this extraordinary tonic Harcourt easily satisfied the medical man who examined him on behalf of another insurance office. Harcourt was insured, and further sums were obtained from Mr. Higgins on the security of the policy." The magistrate has more faith than we have in the virtue of the