The language is not a real difficulty for a post-graduate determined for a little effort and intending to stay, say, longer than a month. Even in the case of a man who arrives ignorant completely of German, it is not more than an obstacle. Its main effect may be removed by a little friendly help from his fellow-students and well-disposed teachers. In some specialties, as, for example, oto-laryngology, it is scarcely a bar, for the teaching is almost exclusively given in English. The use of familiar medical Latin terms makes the task of learning from a German clinical lecturer easier. Thus, one man lecturing on post-mortem specimens has evolved a simple vocabulary, which, aided by clear enunciation, gestures, and pointed repetition of difficult words, makes his meaning sufficiently plain. There are not many good teachers in English, of the German language, in Vienna. All post-graduates who intend to visit Vienna should learn as much of the language as they can before they go.

Among outstanding impressions is the comradeship of distinguished men. Many of these leaders mingle with boyish delight with the members of post-graduate classes. The demonstrations are a large and important part of their activities, and, it seems, a considerable recreation. Some men begin at 7 o'clock in the morning giving private lessons.

The Patients.
The patients in the wards and out-patients' departments of many hospitals, a vast number, form the subjects for the demonstrations. The attendance of the patients for the most part, within a limited radius, and the variety of unusual and striking afflictions, the result of the war, contributed at the time of my visit to Vienna to the excellence of the clinical opportunities. The patients were dragooned for the purposes of the clinic, not by force, but by rule. They took their situation philosophically, mostly in good part. Sometimes they showed resentment at what they considered undue handling. They were, indeed, subjected to much more prolonged examination than is customary in an English hospital, yet the assistants were not lacking in consideration for them and would stop examinations when in their opinion they had lasted long enough. But the feelings of the patients seemed at times to be matters of secondary consideration, and this, to a stranger, was the unattractive aspect of post-graduate work in Vienna.

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It will be good news for our readers that two vacancies per week in the post-graduate course of the Queen Charlotte's Lying-in Hospital have been allotted to nominees of the Fellowship of Medicine. The fee is 8 guineas for a month or 5 guineas for two weeks. The conditions of tenure were sketched out in our article on "Post-Graduate Study of Obstetrics in London" on page 147 of the July number of the Post-Graduate Medical Journal. Residence at the hostel, which is opposite the hospital, and in telephonic communication with it, will be required. The terms for full board, residence, and attendance are 2½ guineas per week. As these appointments are much sought after, members will appreciate the value of this concession granted to the Fellowship of Medicine.

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It will also be welcome news that the Fellowship of Medicine can now nominate post-graduates as clinical assistants to the honorary staff at the Samaritan Hospital for Women. These posts are tenable for a month or longer. In regard to vacancies personal application should be made at the office of the Fellowship of Medicine, 1 Wimpole-street, W.1.

Sir Humphry Rolleston, Bt., who resigned the position of Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Fellowship of Medicine, on being, last summer, appointed Regius Professor of Physic in the University of Cambridge, has been elected to represent the University on the General Medical Council for five years. He at the present time is the representative of the University on the Council of the Fellowship.

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By recent regulation of the Royal Society of Medicine its library is to be open, as from Nov. 8th, at 10 A.M., including Saturdays, instead of at 11 A.M. as heretofore. This will be welcome news to many of our readers. It will be remembered that the library remains open until 10 P.M. on Tuesdays and Fridays, also that by arrangement of the Council of the Society the library staff will provide references and bibliographies on medical subjects on the request, by letter or otherwise, of any Fellow of the Society wherever resident. There is no fee attached to this valuable service. It is to be hoped that an increasing number of the Members of the Fellowship of Medicine will seek to become Fellows of the Royal Society of Medicine, if only for its library facilities.

We wish to call attention to the first instalment (on page 44) of Dr. Meagher's communication of his personal impressions of post-graduate opportunities in Vienna, gained during his six months' recent work in that centre. We will reserve comments until the article is complete.

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Our publisher desires that readers of the Journal should be informed that it would be possible to supply covers for binding the numbers for the year if there is a reasonably large demand for such.

Correspondence

PROVINCIAL POST-GRADUATE WORK AND PUBLICITY.

To the Editor of The Post-Graduate Medical Journal.

Sir,—I am very interested in the several references to provincial post-graduate work in the last number of your Journal. Might I suggest that bodies engaged in post-graduate medical teaching outside London should advertise their programmes in the Post-Graduate Medical Journal. The Fellowship already does this, but if the intending post-graduate could see at a glance what are his opportunities, not only in London but elsewhere, it would be a great help; and, in this connexion, it should be remembered that the Post-Graduate Journal has many readers in all the Overseas Dominions and in the Empire of India.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

Post-Graduate.

Reviews

X Ray Diagnosis.


This admirable book is designed for those who wish to know exactly the value of X rays in medical and surgical diagnosis, but who are not specially working at the subject, and also for post-graduates working for a diploma in radiology. It is not encumbered with long descriptions of apparatus; indeed, there are none, and therefore the whole book is of interest to those for whom it is intended.

First we have an account of the X ray appearances of healthy structures and then an account of the X ray appearances in disease. The author writes well, his meaning is always clear. One of the most valuable parts of the book is his description of the difficulties and fallacies connected with the subject about which he always maintains an even judgment. Thus we are warned that it is sometimes difficult to detect, by the X rays, even a large thoracic aneurysm; we are told that the rate of single bismuth meal will not enable us to diagnose intestinal stasis for this rate varies greatly in the same individual on different days, and the difficulties of the correct interpretation of a pyelogram are emphasised. We might give many other examples of this excellent feature of discrimination; so frequently a direct yes or no is unfairly expected of the radiologist, for his mode of clinical investigation is no more certain than others, and its results are only of use when taken with other signs or symptoms. The value of the book is greatly enhanced by 80 excellent plates, and each has on it several radiograms.

Such a book will appeal to a wide circle, and we can confidently recommend it to our readers as one which they ought to possess.
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