REQUESTS have so often been received by the Fellowship of Medicine for a comprehensive Guide to the London Hospitals, giving exact details of the best way of reaching them, that the Association is now engaged in compiling a short guide-book. This will state clearly the exact addresses of the various hospitals, together with information regarding the nearest railway station, omnibus and tram routes, and any other details supplied by the hospitals concerned; this will enable the post-graduate to reach any London hospital from any part of London. It is hoped that the pamphlet will be printed within a week or two, and copies will be obtainable from the Fellowship of Medicine. A small fee will probably be charged to cover the cost of printing.

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Correspondence.

To the Honorary Editor of the Journal of the Post-Graduate Medical Association.

DEAR SIR,—The subject of post-graduate medical teaching in London has been a vexed question for a good many years. I should appreciate the privilege of a short space in your columns to make one or two comments upon the recent letters of Dr. Geoffrey Fenton and "General Practitioner."

Firstly, as regards the Vienna curri-

culum, it is almost impossible for medical teachers in this country to produce a scheme of post-graduate instruction run on the same lines as those of the Continental centres, since the conditions under which consultants in this country have to work and make their living are entirely different. Foreign teachers depend for their livelihood very largely upon fees which they receive from students, their remuneration for private practice being on a considerably lower scale than is the case with London specialists. Dr. Fenton utters a sympha-

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thetic note on behalf of the overworked honorary who is expected to say a few words to the post-graduates if he has the time, but no practical suggestion is made as to how he is to get over his difficulties. The life of the average consultant is very much a matter of all work and no play.

Secondly, as regards the lack of a central meeting place, the need for this has been emphasized for a good many years, especially by Dr. C. O. Hawthorne, whose interest in post-graduate education is well known, but again the difficulty is a practical one. Where is the money to come from? The success of the proposed Government scheme for such a post-graduate college remains to be seen.

Thirdly, I should like to say a word in answer to "General Practitioner's" plea for the disgruntled G.P., for whom he says so little has been done. I fully admit that the success of many of the hospital courses depends only too often upon the

keenness of a few individual teachers, and that lack of the proper atmosphere of enthusiasm does tend to discourage. On the other hand, it is only too true that students nowadays, whether undergraduate or post-graduate, seem to expect to be spoon-fed the whole time. In my student days we had to scratch for our food, so to speak, and the men who had the energy to hunt about for those crumbs of learning which were most worth the gathering reaped their reward later in the possession of experience which was all the more valuable in proportion to the effort which it cost the learners.

There are always two sides to a question, and I venture to put forward the above suggestions in the hope of stimulating discussion, out of which, perchance, some really practical constructive proposals may arise.

Yours, &c.,
OVERWORKED HONORARY

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