

CORRESPONDENCE

RELATIVELY SPEAKING.....

Tell me, are you M.B.B.S.?
 Good grief, what an awful mess:
 So common, so very third rate
 To be of such a lowly state.
 You only see the common Dick,
 You only treat the common sick;
 You cannot diagnose a Pepper's
 That's only done by Members.
 You cannot tell a Charcot's elbow
 That's only done by a Fellow.
 You can only handle simple pyrexias
 And the generalised myalgias.
 But why not join the medical elite
 The Specialists who are a superior breed.
 For all you do is to go away
 And even if you cannot pay
 The poor taxpayer will fork it out
 You then come back and strut about
 With those degrees after the M.B.,
 M.R.C.O.G., F.R.C.S., M.R.C.P. and E.
 You can always aspire to be
 Anything you like, M.D. e.g.
 Its so simple to see that D
 Is two big steps beyond the B.
 Now take the M.R.C. of P
 A higher degree, as it should be
 But N.B. you had better see
 That you do not get an inferior E!
 And there are some who even say

Get it made in U.S.A.
 So while you're taking all that trouble
 You might as well make it a double
 This makes you a cut above the rest
 You're alright, you are "zee best"
 You don't belong to that common lot
 You're a SPECIALIST (in capitals) wot wot!
 Now you have all that it takes
 You don't ever make mistakes:
 This is confined solely to M.Bs.
 Such useless general degrees.
 Serve no purpose and sad to say
 They may even lapse some day.
 You maintain a higher plane
 Quite aloof, not mundane;
 So you join the Academy,
 Now you're almost Royalty.
 Isn't it a tragedy to be
 An M.B. without a pedigree?

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Editorial note: We cannot recommend the poetic skill, but then few doctors are poets. However, we feel that this is a note which should never go unheard, sour may it be.

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MENTAL DISEASE ORDINANCE

We are gratified to note that this amendment has passed through its third reading, thus put-

ting to right a state of chaos resulting from the previous amendment.

LEVY ON PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

The Finance Minister has announced the intention of Government to impose a quarterly levy of \$125/- and an initial registration fee of

\$250/- on the doctors in private practice. This implies a five-fold increase in the registration fee, and the introduction of a new levy as the profession has no annual levy hitherto.

