EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

[Our Correspondents are reminded that prolixity is a great bar to publication, and that brevity of style and conciseness of statement greatly facilitate early insertion.]

EVENING ATTENDANCE AT DISPENSARIES.

MR. HARRY HEMS, a subscriber and visitor to the Exeter Medical Charities of many years' standing, writes as follows: The Exeter Dispensary was established in 1818, and at present treats from five to six thousand patients per annum. The inconvenience caused to some of the working classes by advice there only being available during the forenoons has suggested the advisability of opening the institution for these persons for an hour or two on two or three evenings each week.

Objecting to this, Mr. Charles E. Bell, of this city, one of our consulting surgeons, asserts no dispensary exists in this country where evening attention is available. Is it possible that the worthy gentleman in question is in error in this impression? If so, will someone be good enough to give the name of a dispensary or dispensaries where patients may receive the benefits of such charities after their ordinary working hours?

As a member of the Weekly Board of the Exeter Dispensary for thirty years, I crave and shall be grateful for information upon this point.

At the Eastern, the Islington, the St. Pancras, and the Tower Hamlets Dispensaries an hour is set apart usually on two evenings in each week for the attendance of such patients as are unable to present themselves at other times. The whole question of evening attendance is fully dealt with in an annotation in the present week's issue, see page 299.—ED. THE HOSPITAL.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS AND VACANCIES.

VACANCIES.

BARNSELY, BECKETT HOSPITAL.—House Surgeon.
BRADFORD POOR LAW HOSPITAL AND WORKHOUSE.—Resident Assistant Medical Officer.
CANCER HOSPITAL, Fulham Road, London, S.W.—Senior House Surgeon.
CANTERBURY, KENT AND CANTERBURY HOSPITAL.—House Physician, also House Surgeon.

CHELTENHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Surgeon-in-Charge of Branch Dispensary.
CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Victoria Park, E.—Physician.
HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, London, W.C.—Assistant Casualty Medical Officer. Also House Physician.
LEEDS GENERAL INFIRMARY.—Resident Medical Officer.
LEICESTER INFIRMARY.—Assistant House Physician.
MARGATE, ROYAL SEA BATHING HOSPITAL.—Resident Surgeon.
POPLAR HOSPITAL FOR ACCIDENTS, Poplar, E.—Assistant House Surgeon.
QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S LIVING-IN HOSPITAL, Marylebone Road, N.W.—Assistant Resident Medical Officer for four months.
ST. MARK'S HOSPITAL FOR FISTULA AND OTHER DISEASES OF THE RECTUM, City Road, E.C.—House Surgeon.
ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL, Paddington, W.—Lecturer on Physics.
SHEFFIELD ROYAL HOSPITAL.—Honorary Dental Officer.
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