but for any particular dilution the action is fairly constant. It seems possible to separate the colour principle from the active principle, and the toxic principle from the active principle, by means of phosphate ion. Curare has no destructive action; it results in physiological nerve block at the neuromuscular junction. It has selective action, so that its least effect is on normal tonic muscles. There is an increasing effect on hypertonic muscles, athetoid movements, tremors and fatigability. A rather small latitude from an effective dose to a dangerous dose is demonstrated in experimental rabbits. The drug must therefore be well standardized before routinely used in human beings. Curare must be looked upon as merely a "physiological block." It can have no curative value in itself, but appears to be a useful adjunct in cerebral palsy. The exact excretion time in man has not been worked out. J. PINCHACK (Chem. Abstr.).

NOTICES BY THE REGISTRAR.

Examinations, 1942.

The Preliminary and Final Examinations for the Certificate of Proficiency in Mental Nursing and the Certificate of Proficiency in Nursing Mental Defectives will be held on May 4, 1942. All Schedules must be posted not later than March 31, 1942.

All communications should be addressed to the Registrar, Littleton Hall, Brentwood, Essex.

Bronze Medal and Prize.

Dissertations for the Association's Bronze Medal and Prize should be forwarded to reach the Registrar not later than April 30 for each year.

Divisional Prizes.

Papers certified as eligible for this competition must be forwarded to reach the Registrar not later than April 30 for each year.

Gaskell Medal and Prize.

The examination for the Gaskell Medal and Prize is held annually in May. An entrance fee of £3 3*s*. is charged, returnable to bona-fide candidates.

Applications for entry should reach the Registrar not later than April 30 for each year.

Certificate in Psychological Medicine.

The examination for the Certificate in Psychological Medicine is held annually in May.

The entrance fee of £3 3*s*. should be forwarded to reach the Registrar not later than April 30 for each year.

Prices of Medals and Badges.

Owing to the increased cost of manufacture and the Purchase Tax the prices of nursing medals and badges have been raised to :

Nursing badges 7*s*. 6*d*. each, bronze medals 6*s*. each, silver medals 20*s*. each.

It may be necessary to raise these prices again at some future date.

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