

The Weather and the Work of the General Practitioner

Sir,

I would be grateful if you could publish the following short explanation because of the incorrectness of two graphs in the article you kindly published in the last issue (1960, 3, 210 on "The Weather and the Work of the General Practitioner"). The two graphs that are incorrect are those on page 213, numbered figure 5 and figure 6. Figure 5 should be an inverse graph of figure 7. You will observe that it is not so.

The correct graph of figure 5 shows a maximum visiting of 20 per working day and a minimum of 7 per working day, fluctuating between these two figures according to the season of the year. I have supplied the corrected graph of figure 5 and the figures upon which I have based the graph.

Figure 6 should show the graph that is portrayed in figure 5, i.e., the average surgery attendances per working day varying between 34 and 17.

The validity of my suggestion that figure 2 and figure 7 are closely similar is, fortunately, not upset by the incorrectness of figures 5 and 6.

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International Congress on Psychosomatic Medicine and Childbirth

Sir,

I should be grateful if you would draw the attention of your readers to the fact that an International Congress on Psychosomatic Medicine and Childbirth is to be held on 12th—15th September, 1961. It has not been finally decided where this meeting will take place, but the most likely places are Paris, Vienna, or Geneva. The committee arranging the meeting are anxious to know as soon as possible of those who would like to contribute to the discussion. The titles selected are:

1. Psychological and sociological study of the woman in connection with her pregnancy, labour and puerperium.
2. Psycho-physiology of the pain of labour.
3. Theory, practice and results of combined psychological and physical preparation for labour:
 - (a) Preparation of the pregnant woman.
 - (b) Conduct of labour.
 - (c) Problem of drugs.
 - (d) Organization of the team and of the surroundings.