In each event they are an admission of failure. Lastly a short story about the old adage that asthma cases need a change of air. Dr. "X" had failed completely to treat a pair of girl twins. He therefore advised their widowed father to sell his house in Suffolk and move to Yorkshire. He heaved a sigh of relief at their departure when, by the next post, he received a letter from a doctor friend in Yorkshire asking him to look after a case of asthma whom he had advised to move to Suffolk for the purer air!

Ashwell. C. M. BILLINGTON.

Warts

SIR,—A patient recently informed me that she has got rid of a troublesome wart by painting it with dandelion juice. As she was a reliable type of person I decided to try this treatment upon the next case which presented itself. This opportunity occurred on the 14th July, when I was shown a verruca 5/16th-in. in diameter on the finger of a lady of 60. She presented herself again to show me the finger completely free from the wart on the 8th August, and she told me that it had only taken a fortnight to complete the treatment. She did complain that, in such a dry summer, it had been hard to find dandelions which were juicy, but she had managed to apply the juice twice a day on most days. She said that the wart had been stained brown, had quickly shrivelled, and had separated like a little scab, leaving clean, healed skin beneath.

I should be interested to hear from anyone who has had experience of this treatment, which incidentally was at no cost to the National Health Service.

Paignton. J. F. BURDON.

The efficacy of dandelion has long been known to the herbalist. Gerard (Johnston's translation, 1633, pp. 290-291) states that it cures those things which succory heals, amongst which are warts in all parts of the body. The dandelion was a powerful drug—"boiled it strengthens the weak stomach, and eaten raw it stops the belly and helps the dysentry, especially being boiled with lentils . . . ." [Ed.]

News from the Faculties

The New South Wales Regional Faculty

(1) The Research Committee of the Faculty are conducting by questionnaire an investigation into infective hepatitis. It is hoped to gather information regarding its epidemiology and possible mode of spread; the overall clinical picture as regards severity, and particularly the incidence of mild anicteric cases on the one hand and of fatal cases on the other. Information is also sought on the incidence of continuing and chronic hepatitis.

(2) A short return on the incidence of eclampsia in general practice in New South Wales is in the course of completion.