

New Zealand and the Australian Colonies to visit our bathing-establishment periodically, and judge for themselves of the capabilities of our waters and of any new appliances in use for utilising them, and thus become more competent to prescribe the special mode of treatment most suitable to their patients' respective cases.

Speaking on this subject, J. G. Douglas Kerr, M.B.C.M., in his report to the Bath Committee heretofore mentioned, says, "The prosperity of every spa is so much in the hands of the medical profession that they (the management of Aix-les-Bains) consider they consult their own interests by this courteous treatment; and the fact speaks for itself that at the present moment there are no less than thirteen medical men undergoing treatment at Aix." This proposal was at once acceded to by the Bath Committee, and now medical men, on presenting their cards to the chairman of the committee, are made welcome to all the privileges of the bathing-establishment free of charge.

The prices for baths vary according to class and accommodation given; and in many places there are first-, second-, and third-class baths. At Aix-les-Bains, simplest bath, 50c.; douche, 3f. At Vichy, simplest bath, 50c.; douche, 3f. 50c. At Enghien, simplest bath, 1f. 25c.; douche, 4f. At Spa (Belgium), simplest bath, 60c.; douche, 4f. 25c. At Baden-Baden (Germany), simplest bath, 1 mark; douche, 3 marks. At Wiesbaden and Aix-la-Chapelle, price irregular, according to the hotel. And at Bath (England), the simplest bath 6d., and douches 3s. 6d. Besides these there are what are called princes' baths and *bains de luxe*, which are charged from 8s. to 10s. each, according to the accommodation and attendance given, as per scale. A small charge is also made in most places for drinking the water—1d. per glass, or about 5s. per month. Another thing which seems generally adopted and much appreciated is to provide heated linen at a regular scale of charge. This could be easily adopted here by heating the linen with our hot-water pipes.

Hoping that the foregoing information may prove interesting and useful, and be the means of drawing the attention of Parliament and of the public to the great importance of the marvellous thermal resources of New Zealand, and that the adoption of some of the suggestions herein contained may eventually prove a source of wealth to the country and of comfort to the human race,

I have, &c.,

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