

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

CORRESPONDENTS are requested, when desiring information through the *Journal* in regard to disease in animals and plants, to forward, where possible, affected specimens, in order to facilitate a correct diagnosis of the trouble, and to ensure the best advice. In stating a question, the most complete descriptive details should be furnished.

MANURING.

H. L., Burnside, Kaitieke:—

1. What manure would you advise for oats; also silver-beet?
2. What is your opinion of broadcasting silver-beet on bush burn in place of rape?

The Director of Fields and Experimental Farms Division replies,—

1. Oats: On average soil the undermentioned manures are recommended: 3 cwt. superphosphate, 1 cwt. sulphate of potash, 1 cwt. sulphate of ammonia or dried blood per acre. Silver-beet: The Department's *Journal* for June contains an article on this subject, with particulars of manures required in order to cultivate this plant successfully.

2. I am not aware of this having been tried, and should be doubtful as to the result. Silver-beet has done well under different conditions, but the best results will be obtained only where good cultivation has been provided.

BELLADONNAS NOT FLOWERING.

MRS. M. BLACKETT, Te Kowhai, Ngaruawahia:—

I have a patch of belladonna lilies which have flowered for several years until the last two years. Can you tell me, through the *Agricultural Journal*, the reason why they have not flowered?

Mr. W. H. Taylor replies,—

Probably the bulbs have degenerated through crowding. Dig them up and replant them. Keep the bulbs well apart. Plant deeply, covering the tops of the bulbs quite 6 in. with soil.

SICK HORSES.—DOGS AFFECTED WITH WORMS.

MR. ALLAN P. FISHER, Swanson:—

1. I have two old horses whose bowels have been very loose for several weeks. They seem to be getting worse, and falling away. They have little work, and are well fed. What would you advise as a remedy?
2. What is the treatment for dog with worms (worm about 1 in. long, $\frac{1}{2}$ in. wide, $\frac{3}{32}$ in. thick, radistea head)?

The Director of Live-stock and Meat Division replies,—

1. It is difficult to say what is the cause. It might be due to intestinal parasites, or to something in connection with the food. You do not say what kind of food they are getting, or whether it is of good quality, but presume they eat fairly well, as you say they are well fed. The cause of the condition is evidently the same in both cases, as they are showing similar symptoms. I should give the animals a few bran mashes, and then one pint each of raw linseed-oil. Afterwards give them good sound food in which about 1 lb. to 2 lb. of bean-meal per horse per diem has been mixed.

2. This is evidently one of the tapeworms, but which species we could not say without examination. Starve the dog for twenty-four hours before giving medicine,