

AN APPEAL.

SIR.—I venture, through the columns of the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL*, to ask the aid of the profession in the following case. Dr. Wilson, late of Yoxford, Suffolk, after practising in that village for forty-seven years, and having had a very large practice, died in 1848, leaving his widow and four children very badly off. Two children are dead; one (a son) has, unfortunately, gone utterly to the bad; a daughter remains, aged 37, who is always more or less ill, suffering from a weak heart and general debility. Mrs. Wilson has also very bad health, and is 67 years of age. They live on £25 a year, being the rent of a house, and the charity of some few non-medical friends, whom death is gradually removing year by year. Dr. Wilson, on one occasion, was summoned to London by George IV to treat him for an attack of gout, he having a great reputation for curing that disease. His Majesty recovered, but Dr. Wilson received no fee, being only offered a knighthood, which he refused. The family live in a house tumbling about their ears, which is their own property, but, of course, they cannot afford to repair it. Their furniture is nearly all gone, and they are quite incapable of earning any money themselves. My object is, to collect enough money to buy an annuity of £25 on the daughter's life, and also to repair the house. I shall be glad to receive any contributions towards a fund for that purpose.—I am, sir, yours truly,

Saxmundham, Suffolk, April 7th, 1884.

Subscriptions already Received.—Anonymous, 5s.; F. Vacher, Esq., £2 2s.

M.D. ST. ANDREW'S.—Dr. Allen Thomson was elected a trustee of the Hunterian Collection, with Lord Aberdare in 1881. Mr. Gladstone was elected in 1875.

ERRATUM.—In the *JOURNAL* of April 12th, page 716, line 14, for "reduced," read "dilated."

ITCHING ABOUT THE NOSE IN A CHILD.

SIR.—My patient, aged 10 years, has been troubled for over twelve months with itching about the orifice of the right nostril, which, she says, causes her to twitch the part about in a manner which is disfiguring, and increasingly frequent.

No local cause of the itching has ever been detected. Her appetite is large; her breath frequently offensive in the morning; the bowels are open freely every day, with healthy motion, and during the last few months she has certainly lost flesh. Vermifuge treatment has been unsuccessful. Occasional twitches are observed in her sleep, which is otherwise perfectly tranquil. Any light on the cause and treatment of the trouble will be welcome.—I am, yours truly,

PES PLANUS.

A MEMBER should apply to Mr. Edward East, 18, Clifton Gardens, W., one of the Honorary Secretaries of the British Medical Benevolent Fund, who will furnish him with any information he may require.

POISONING BY LEAD SERVICE-PIPES.

SIR.—I beg to refer your correspondent "M. O. H.," who asks a question about poisoning by supply through lead service-pipes (p. 650), to the case of *Milnes v. Corporation of Huddersfield*, which was the subject of a leading article in the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL* of September 30th, 1882 (p. 636), and was again noticed on October 21st, 1882 (p. 797); and which has since, on appeal, been decided against the plaintiff. In this case the water, which had an acid reaction, became impregnated with lead by passing through the service-pipes of the plaintiff, and the Court of Appeal held that the corporation was not liable, they having delivered a pure or wholesome water from their main. In my opinion, seeing that service-pipes are almost universally of lead, and are known or expected by water-companies to be so, that ought not to be considered a whole-some water, in any just acceptance of the term, which is certain to be poisoned before it can reach the consumer.—Your obedient servant, T. SCATTERGOOD.

41, Park Square, Leeds.

E. SNOWDEN should apply for information to the Secretaries of the West Riding of Yorkshire Medical Charitable Society, Dr. Chadwick (Tunbridge Wells), or C. G. Wheelhouse, Esq., Leeds.

PREMATURE INTERMENT.

THE *Times* of India, for March 21st, has the following story:—On last Friday morning the family of a Goanese, named Manuel, aged 70 years, who had been for the last four months suffering from dysentery, thinking that he was dead, made preparations for his funeral. He was placed in a coffin and taken from his house, at Worjee, to a chapel at Lower Mahim, preparatory to burial. The priest, on putting his hand on the man's chest, found his heart still beating. He was thereupon removed to the Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy Hospital, where he remained in an unconscious state up to a late hour on last Friday night, when he died.

AUSTRALIAN.—The Australian medical papers are the *Australian Medical Journal* and the *Australasian Medical Gazette*.

ACTION OF VASELINE POMADE.

W. H. asks if rapid bleaching and dryness of the hair from the use of vaseline as a pomade has been noticed. In the cases he has seen, the discontinuance of the vaseline, and the use of castor-oil made into a pomade, was followed by the restoration of the hair to its original condition.

A YOUNG PRACTITIONER.—We do not understand the allegation of illegality. The practitioner either can or cannot determine the cause of death. He is not bound to go unless he chooses, or to give an opinion unless he can conscientiously do so.

ALCOHOLIC LEG-PAINS.

SIR.—With reference to Dr. Clifford Allbutt's interesting letter on "leg-pains," in the *JOURNAL* of February 23rd—pains which, in the absence of other specific signs, he attributes to alcoholic spinal irritation, may I ask him if he has ever met similar pains, with extraordinary cutaneous hyperæsthesia, due to chloro-dyne-drinking (and chlorodyne alone)?—I am, etc., W. H.

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