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MR. W. F. SHEARD (Putney) writes: On February 11th I was requested to make a post-mortem examination on the body of a single woman, aged 73, who was found dead three days before by the side of her bed. The appearances suggested an apoplectic fit, and the post-mortem examination confirmed this diagnosis. On examining the pelvis, I found the fundus uteri occupied by a large calculus, covered by what appeared to be only peritoneum, and adhering so closely that it was only with great difficulty it could be peeled off. Close by were the ovaries very much atrophied. The tumour was quite free and movable, except where attached to the cervical portion of the uterus, which was elongated and very thin. Bladder normal, and no signs of adjacent inflammation or adhesions. She had not to my knowledge complained of any pelvic symptoms.

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The calculus is about the size of an orange, but of irregular shape and rough exterior, weighing a quarter of a pound. It much resembles a lump of asbestos such as are used for making gas fires, only solid and not perforated. Its large size renders it interesting, and I think must be of rare oc-

** The calculus was probably a calcified fibro-myoma of the uterus.

TOOGOOD v. WILKES.

Dr. H. J. Manning (Salisbury) writes: Owing to the miscarriage of a letter from me dated January 27th last, which seems never to have reached you, the announcement on page 400 of the JOURNAL of February 15th requires some ex-

planation.

This action (vide Journal, December 7th, p. 1299) was instituted by the plaintiff against Mr. W. D. Wilkes, senior surgeon to the Salisbury Infirmary, for having, some twelve months previously, signed one of the certificates of lunacy by virtue of which plaintiff was placed under treatment in an asylum. Mr. Wilkes applied to a Judge at Chambers to stay the action, under Section 12 of the Lunacy Law Amendment Act, 1889. The application was successful but the Judge, in giving his decision, reserved the question of costs, stating that he should give the defendant his costs if the plaintiff appealed. Plaintiff did not appeal, and the result was that defendant, although successful in his application, had to pay costs amounting to a sum not far short of £100. It was thought by Mr. Wilkes's professional friends in this neighbourhood that this was a burden which neither he, nor any other medical man similarly placed, ought in fairness to be called on to bear single-handed, and an indemity fund has been started with the object of recouping the amount of his costs. As probably other members of the profession who are not resident in this neighbourhood may wish to assist, we ask you to be so kind as to give this letter a place in your next issue. I shall have much pleasure in acting as treasurer to the fund, and will acknowledge any sums that may be sent to my address. my address.

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