

EDINBURGH LECTURES ON PUBLIC HEALTH.

SIR,—In answer to "Country Member's" question, the first of the series of popular physiology lectures has recently been published. It is on "The Eye and its Functions," and is by H. Campbell, M.B., B.S. Lond., M.R.C.P. Lond. It is published by George Dryden, 54, Lothian Street, Edinburgh.—I am, etc., M.R.C.S.

AN APPEAL.

SIR,—Three years ago, a young surgeon practising in New Zealand died, nine months after losing his wife. Two little orphan sons, aged 3 and 4 years respectively, were at once sent home to England to their grandmother, the widow of a clergyman, herself in delicate health, advanced in years, and with scanty means of support. With praiseworthy energy, this good old lady at once set about a vigorous canvass to get one of the lads into the Wanstead Orphan Asylum, and was happily successful.

She is now most desirous, ere she dies, that the other little fellow should find a home in the same institution as his brother, so that the fatherless and motherless boys may at least see and know something of each other during their childhood and youth. A sum of £180 will secure the fulfilment of this very natural wish, if it can be raised before March next. The British Medical Benevolent Fund, which has already, on two previous occasions, given assistance, has to-day voted £20 towards the sum I have named; and I venture, through your columns, to invite others to take part in this good work.

I shall be most happy to give fuller information to anyone desiring it, and to take charge of any contributions which your readers may be pleased to send to me.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,
Kensmore Lodge, Elgin Road, St. Peter's Park, W.
STAMFORD FELCE.

TRACHEOTOMY ASPIRATOR.

SIR,—Allow me to congratulate Mr. A. Cowley Malley on having had an opportunity to use his tracheotomy aspirator, and on its perfect success. A similar apparatus was made for me by Messrs. Stevens and Sons, of Gower Street, in February of this year, as suggested in the *Lancet* of February 2nd, 1884.—Yours faithfully,
FRANKLINHAM.
GEO. E. JEAFFRESON.

PRURITUS OF PREGNANCY.

SIR,—“A Member” requests, at p. 1056, a reliable remedy for the above. Has he eliminated diabetes? Has he exhausted the remedies found in Sections 45 and 46 of the *Medical Digest*? Two remedies have seldom failed in my experience, even if diabetes be present; namely, bathing with very hot water, or with a cold saturated solution of boric acid and ether.—Obediently yours
60, Boundary Road, South Hampstead, N.W. RICHARD NEALE, M.D. Lond.

INCLUDED EGGS.

A CORRESPONDENT writes to us, saying that, in cracking the shell of a hen's egg, he found a second shell within it. Five similar cases are described in the *Catalogue of the Teratological Series in the Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons of England*, prepared by Mr. B. T. Lowne. The following paragraph precedes the description of the specimen. “Sometimes a small egg, or pseudo-egg, remains in the oviduct, or, according to Mr. Tegetmeier, is carried back from the shell-secreting into the albumen-secreting portion of the oviduct, and becomes invested with a second layer of albumen and a second shell; or it is met by, and invested in, a second ovum; in this way, one egg becomes included in another. Very frequently, the included egg is cracked or broken; in such cases, impaction is probably the cause of the phenomenon.”

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