MEDICAL JOURNAL of May 20th, may I suggest to him the possibility of the trouble being connected with uric acid diathesis, as I have recently seen two cases with similar symptoms relieved only by the administration internally of alkalies, of potass. bicarb. gr xv ter in die, by preference, taken with a tumblerful of moderately hot water on each occasion, combined with the protection of the nasal mucous membrane by the use of an oil spray. An excellent form of this is the nasal cloudiser manufactured by Messrs. Slater Brothers, of Baker Street, W., and the application which relieved my patients consisted of ichthyol 5j dissolved in ol. amygdal. dulc. 3vij, the resulting solution being strained before use. Should the suggestion contained in the JOURNAL of May 27th fail to afford relief, "A Medical Correspondent" might feel disposed to try this method.

NOTES, LETTERS, Etc.

ERRATUM.—In the paragraph on the Victoria Hospital, Edinburgh, published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of June 3rd, the number of beds which the hospital at present possesses should have been given as 16, and not as there stated.

AN APPEAL ON BEHALF OF THE FAMILY OF THE LATE DR. COOKE.

MR. E. STANMORE BISHOP and Dr. F. EAMES write to acknowledge the following further amounts received on behalf of the family of the late Dr. Cooke. The total amount is £57 16s. 6d., which will be sufficient to enable Mrs. Cooke, with some slight assistance, to start a small house for patients going to Buxton for treatment.

	£	s.	d
Amounts acknowledged May 13th and April 29th ...	37	7	6
Dr. S. P. Snook	2	2	0
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Percy Ashworth, F.R.C.S.	0	10	6
Dr. W. A. Ardagh	0	10	0
F. G.	0	10	0
Dr. A. T. Windle	1	1	0
H. C. V., Poona	2	0	0
Dr. J. T. Windle, Halifax	1	1	0
Dr. Hill Griffith, Manchester	2	2	0
Sir Thomas Smith	5	0	0
Total	57	16	6

Mrs. Cooke desires most sincerely to thank all those who have generously contributed to this fund.

THE HUNTER FUND.

MR. RIVERS WILLSON (Treasurer) (42, Wellington Square, Oxford) writes: Kindly permit me to announce the following further donations to this fund:

	£	s.	d.
Amount previously acknowledged	62	13	3
Dr. J. B. Ball, 12, Upper Wimpole Street, W.	1	1	0
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Dr. Petch, York	1	1	0
Walter H. Dodd, Esq., Preston, Brighton	1	1	0
Total	£72	7	3

CASE OF HYDRAMNIOS WITH AN ANENCEPHALIC FŒTUS.

DR. ROBERT T. FERGUSON, (Anstruther) writes: On March 9th, 1899, at 4 P.M., I was called to a woman, aged 30, in her fourth confinement, which she had not expected till the beginning of April. Her former children are healthy. The abdomen was very large, and she had been gradually feeling more and more uncomfortable, and had been unable for the two preceding nights to sleep from difficulty of breathing. The os was slightly dilated and very rigid, the membranes at the internal os, and the presenting part high up. After waiting some time, during which the pains were few and short, I gave chloroform and dilated the os. I then ruptured the membranes, and the liquor amnii came with a noisy gush over the bed on to the floor, probably as much as a gallon. She said that she had felt movement that morning, but I could not find any evidence of life by the stethoscope.

The centre of the os was now occupied by a bony ridge, passing forward into a hollow; to the patient's left the finger came upon an ear. After repeated trials I got the forceps applied, but on attempting traction the blades slipped. Pains coming on a little better and the presenting part more within reach, I got my forefinger into the mouth, and made traction while bearing down with my left hand over the uterus The tissues of the cheeks gave way as I got the head into the lower part of the sacral hollow, and I completed delivery by passing my right hand behind the head and bringing it forward while bearing down with the hand outside. The placenta followed in about fifteen minutes. It was normal but very small, and the cord, which measured 21 inches, was very thin.

The child, a female, had been dead some hours. It measured 16 inches, weighed 4 lbs., and was perfectly formed except as to the head. This was flattened antero-posteriorly, and was open above and behind. The scalp ended above about 2 inches from the eyes, passing downwards in an irregular line fringed with soft black hairs, half an inch behind the ears, to a semicircular opening in the skin at the top of the spine. The cranial bones ceased about an inch further on all round, and enclosed a depression which was made circular by a cervical spina bifida. This depression was occupied by membranes and blood clot the spinal canal being closed by the membranes. The skin of the face was continuous with that of the chest, there being no chin and no neck. The ears were crumpled up and flattened against the skull, but appeared to be perfect. The nose was flattened, the cheeks prominent and bulging upwards. The eyes were very prominent, filled with blood, and looked upwards, the left being open and staring, the right closed. There is no history of syphilis, alcoholism, tuberculosis, infectious disease, or maternal impression in this case.

LETTERS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., have been received from:

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