The puerperium was not in the least interfered with, and on June 30th the rash had almost entirely disappeared.

A CASE OF WANDERING ŒDEMA.

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THE following case is worthy of note on account of its characteristic symptoms. H. B., aged 28, has been married for two years. He was formerly a sailor, and states that when in the tropics he was never affected by "prickly heat" nor by the bites of mosquitoes. He has been under treatment for the present condition since July, 1899. He then first noticed a swelling of the eyelid, which occurred when he was on a cycling tour. Since that time he has had attacks occurring very irregularly, usually two in a week, and then perhaps he may have a month's relief. Translucent painless swellings appear chiefly on the face, but they have occurred on all parts of his body. They commence during sleep, and usually fade completely about 3 o'clock p.m. The attack depicted in the accompanying photograph lasted for forty-eight hours.

He is of sedentary habits, complains sometimes of dyspepsia, but is regular in his mode of life and enjoys good health. He has had one attack of Herpes zoster, and one sister is subject to Urticaria. The family history gives evidence of a tendency to nervous diseases.

Treatment by means of purgatives, change of occupation, regulation of diet, have all been tried without producing the slightest result, so far as the attacks of œdema are concerned; the drugs which have been used—arsenic, iodide of potash and strychnine—have also failed in producing any beneficial result.

MYCOSIS FUNGOIDES.

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THE following supplementary note on Mrs. G., the first of the three cases of Mycosis fungoides published in this Journal in the May and June numbers of last year by Drs. Galloway and MacLeod, is of special interest. This patient, while under treatment in Charing

Cross Hospital, showed signs of transient improvement under injections of Coley's fluid. Unfortunately, after returning home, her condition became more and more grave, and she eventually succumbed, after prolonged suffering, to this most fatal of skin diseases.

These notes were kindly sent to us by Mr. Laurence Potts, of Leatherhead, who attended the patient, and we cannot do better than publish them in his own words:—

The patient returned home from Charing Cross Hospital in the beginning of April, 1900, and till the middle of May she was able to get up daily, and by means of a chair to be wheeled into another room on the same floor. At this time the growth of the left thigh extended from the groin as far down as the knee. The thigh had become twice the size of the right one, the upper part of it presenting an irregular lumpy surface, while the lower part was broken down by deep fissures and extensive ulceration. There was a most profuse watery discharge from the ulcerated surfaces, and this was accompanied by a most offensive odour, not unlike putrid cheese. The patient suffered intense pain and was unable to bear the application of any antiseptic dressing; even a weak solution of carbolic acid or of boracic acid nearly drove her mad by the smarting it produced. In consequence of this we had to rest satisfied by bathing the thigh twice daily with warm water, and keeping the room as inoffensive as possible by placing disinfectants here and there about it.

By June 2nd the patient was completely confined to her bed. New ulcerating patches had for some time been making their appearance all over the trunk, the largest of these being in the left axilla. The emaciation became extreme, though the patient was able to take a fair amount of good liquid nourishment, and a dessertspoonful of brandy was given every four hours.

Her temperature was generally about 101° and her pulse 120° .

Towards the end of June the whole of the upper part of the left thigh had broken down, and deep fissures similar to those in the lower part had appeared. The left leg and foot were so much swollen that the patient could not lie at rest on her left side.

Her strength now failed rapidly, and she sank, dying on July 17th.

Her mental condition was clear and bright to the end.