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Johnston
(Enniskillen)

March 30. 1905.

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 24th inst., enclosing me the cutting re "Violet Leaves & Cancer". The subject is one of considerable interest, and I am much obliged for your remarks on the matter. Also with respect to the M'Governs cure for rabies. I hope at some time when I get a period of leisure to be able to investigate these matters.

Again thanking you for your kind interest in the matter,

I am,

Yours very truly,

The Rev. F. J. Johnston,
Knockniny Hotel,
Enniskillen,
Ireland.

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Knockninny Hotel

Inniskillen. Ireland

March. 24. 1905.

Dear Sir

Your letter re. "Historical Medical Exhibition" to hand. I am sorry that no "interesting relics associated with religio-medical matters" have fallen in my way, or I would only be too glad to let you have them, if they would be of any use in the interests of suffering humanity.

Physicians are groping their way after a cure, "if haply they might find it", for that terrible disease Cancer. To me it seems that the only cure they have yet been successful in discovering is the KNIFE.

Now, as a minister in the country, & frequently changing about from place to place, some curious reputed cures have fallen under my notice, among them a cure for cancer. I have never inquired into the origin of these cures whether superstitious, or accidental, or as the result of experimental application; in any case I think that the origin is lost in obscurity. But this I do know; several cases of cancer cured by a herb plaster made up chiefly from violet leaves, I have seen myself. The cure was unmistakable; & I have often thought that if these clumsy applications were in the hands of such a company as yours, & the essence extracted, & only the "24 carat" lotion applied,

the result might be one of the greatest achievements in the whole history of Pharmacy, much suffering might be alleviated, & the person make a lasting name who gave it to the world. But I believe there are more herbs than violet leaves used, & perhaps it is through their combination the cure is perfected. The enclosed cutting you may have seen before. However I send it in case you have not. It speaks for itself.

In this country some years ago the Local Govt. Board tried to institute an inquiry into the M'Govern (of Cavan) cure for rabies; but the M'Governs would not submit their cure for analysis lest their secret should be divulged. Many doctors lost faith in it on that account. But the fact remains, when a

person is bitten by a rabid dog he
goes to the M'Governs, & there is a cure.
Facts are stubborn things, & there may
be a great deal more in these clumsy
folk-methods than we give credit for.

I give you the name of one, whose
name I recall to mind now, who
was cured of cancer on the lip by the
above mentioned application. If you
thought the matter worth following up
& communicated with him he
might give you the name of the
person who has the cancer cure—

Mr. Andrew Coalter

Mountcharles. Co. Donegal.

Or if you like, I would write Mr
Coalter, as I know him personally,
& he would find the persons
address for me.

Yours very truly

J. H. S. Welcome Esq.

J. J. Johnston

VIOLET LEAVES AND CANCER.

Dr. Gordon's Remarkable Letter to the 'Lancet.'

Dr. William Gordon, F.R.C.P. (London), physician to the Devon and Exeter Hospital, sends to the *Lancet* an account of a remarkable case of apparent recovery from a presumably malignant disease of the mouth, such recovery being due to the treatment of the disease by the simple remedy of 'violet leaves.'

He says:—

'The patient, who was a man, aged fifty-three years, consulted me on November 8, 1904, for what I diagnosed as cancer of the tongue. I told him that he had cancer and advised him to consult a surgeon at once. He saw four surgeons, all men well qualified to judge of such a case from extensive experience in consulting work. All four diagnosed cancer.


'Immediate and extensive operation was recommended. He refused this, and proceeded to treat himself at home as follows. He took a handful of violet leaves and put them in a basin, pouring over them a pint of boiling water and leaving them to soak for twenty-four hours.'

COURSE OF THE TREATMENT.

'At the end of that time he poured off the liquid and divided it into two equal parts. One part he drank in the next twenty-four hours and the other part he used for making hot fomentations which he applied continuously outside the neck on the left side for two hours every night. Sometimes he used the leaves themselves as poultices outside the neck. Sometimes he kept the fomentations on all night.'

'He began this treatment on November 10, and was so much better by January 23, 1905, that his employers sent him to me to show himself. The change was extraordinary.'

'Except the violet treatment absolutely no other remedy had been used, locally or internally. I believe the man to be absolutely honest. He has nothing to gain by deceiving me and appears only anxious that other should profit by what he considers has cured himself.'



IN the matter of the Clogher Valley Tramway Company and in the matter of the Railways Ireland Act, 1851, the Tramways Ireland Provisional Order Confirmation Clogher Valley Act 1884, and of Andrew Mair of Gola, Killarty, and Ballyreagh, in the County of Fermanagh, an occupier of lands known as Gola, Killarty, and Ballyreagh, in the County Fermanagh, containing on the whole three acres two roods and 22 perches statute measure or thereabouts and distinguished by the numbers eight Gola, three Killarty, and part of two, three, and four, Ballyreagh on the maps and plans deposited in that behalf by the said company with the Secretary of the Grand Jury of the County of Fermanagh.

I hereby give notice that upon the application of James F. Johnston, Brookborough, and Andrew Mair, of Ballyreagh, Brookborough, both in the County of Fermanagh, an order was made on the 6th February, 1905, by the Right Honourable the Master of the Rolls, directing that the Accountant-General of this division do transfer the sum of £87 13s. 1d. new Consols, and pay £12 13s. 9d. cash and all dividends accrued on said new Consols since the 5th April, 1901, being the funds in court to the credit of this matter, to said James F. Johnston, and I hereby further give notice that no such transfer or payment will be made until one month shall have elapsed from the publication of the second of these advertisements, and any person objecting to said payment being made, shall be at liberty within such period of one month as aforesaid, to deposit with me, the undersigned, a docket or statement (in writing), stating that he objects thereto, and naming a solicitor to act on his behalf, on whom notice of further proceedings shall be served, and in case no docket or statement shall be lodged with me within such time as aforesaid, then the said payment shall be made without any further notice thereof.

Dated this 16th day of March, 1905.

CHARLES MURPHY,

Secretary to the Master of the Rolls.

6005.

Four Courts, Dublin.

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