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OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.

TUESDAY Guy's, 1.30 P.M.—Westminster, 2 P.M.—National Orthopaedic, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Royal Free, 2 P.M.

WEDNESDAY St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—St. Mary's, 1.30 P.M.—Middlesex, 1 P.M.—University College, 2 P.M.—St. Thomas's, 1 P.M.—London, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Great Northern, 2 P.M.—Samaritan Free Hospital for Women and Children, 2.30 P.M.—Cancer Hospital, Brompton, 3 P.M.—King's College, 2 P.M.

THURSDAY St. George's, 1 P.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 1 P.M.—Royal Orthopaedic, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Hospital for Diseases of the Throat, 2 P.M.

FRIDAY Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 2 P.M.

SATURDAY St. Thomas's, 9.30 A.M.—St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—King's College, 1.30 P.M.—Charing Cross, 1 P.M.—Lock (Clinical Demonstrations and Operations), 1 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Royal Free, 2 P.M.—East London Hospital for Children, 2 P.M.—Hospital for Women, 9.30 A.M.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY.—Medical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Mr. F. J. Gant, The Lettsomian Lectures on Excisional Surgery of the Joints; The Conditions appropriate for Excision; The Operations; After-Treatment and Results. Lecture 1, "The Knee."

TUESDAY.—Ethnological Society of London, 8 P.M. Lieutenant S. P. Oliver, R.A., "Prehistoric Remains in Brittany"; Dr. Hooker, C.B., "Exhibition of Stone Implements from Queen Charlotte's Island"; Rev. D. R. Thomas, M.A., and T. Mc. K. Hughes, M.A., "Cairn, near Cefn, St. Asaph"; Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, 8 P.M. Dr. C. T. Williams, "On the Duration of Phthisis, and on certain conditions which influence it"; Mr. J. G. French, "On the probable Cause of the *Post Mortem* Muscular Contractions in Cholera, and on the Philosophical Treatment of the Disease."

WEDNESDAY.—Epidemiological Society, 8 P.M. Dr. Christie, of Zanzibar, "On Cholera in East Africa."—Hunterian Society, 7 P.M., Meeting of Council, 8 P.M. Dr. Hilton Fagge, "On a case of Dilatation of the Stomach";—Royal Microscopical Society, 8 P.M. Mr. B. T. Lowe, M.R.C.S., "On the Anatomy of *Ascaris Lumbricoides*"; H. J. Slack, Esq., "On the Use of Colloid Silica in Preparing Crystals for the Polariscopic."

FRIDAY.—Clinical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Annual General Meeting for the Election of Officers. Mr. T. Smith, "Case of Ulcer following Vaccination"—adjourned discussion; Dr. Silver, "On the Use of *Veratrum Viride* in Acute Rheumatism"; Mr. Teevan, "Four Cases of Operation for unusually Large Calculi."

EXPECTED OPERATIONS AT THE HOSPITALS.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL, Wednesday, 1.45 P.M. Amputation of the Foot, by Sir Henry Thompson.

KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL, Saturday, January 7th, 1871, 2 P.M. Excision of Knee, by Sir W. Fergusson; Removal of Haemorrhoids, by Mr. Smith.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

ALL Letters and Communications for the JOURNAL, to be addressed to the EDITOR, 37, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.

CORRESPONDENTS not answered, are requested to look to the Notices to Correspondents of the following week.

TO PURCHASERS.—To insure attention, it is requested that all orders sent to the Office for extra copies of the JOURNAL, be accompanied with stamps for the amount.

WE CANNOT UNDERTAKE TO RETURN MANUSCRIPTS NOT USED.

CORRESPONDENTS, who wish notice to be taken of their communications, should authenticate them with their names—of course, not necessarily for publication.

MR. J. SMITH'S (Monkswearmouth) note has been forwarded to the General Secretary.

THE USE OF THE PERMANANATES.—Mr. Bollman Condy requests us to act as arbiters in reference to an analysis of one of his preparations published in a recent number of a medical periodical, which he declares to be utterly erroneous, and highly prejudicial to his interests. We advise Mr. Condy, however, to seek, in such a matter, arbiters of purely technical qualifications. If we were to accept such an office at the wish of both parties, it would only be with the aid of the highest skilled assessors. We are accustomed to refer all questions of the kind to experts selected for their technical skill and reputation.

We have forwarded to the General Secretary, Mr. Watkin Williams, 13, Newhall Street, Birmingham, £1, received as an annual subscription from Mr. R. T. Hunt, Manchester. It was probably forwarded to us by inadvertence; subscriptions to the Association being payable to the General Secretary, or, together with the Branch subscriptions, to the Local Secretaries.

EXTENSION OF THE ASSOCIATION.—Dr. Shettle, Secretary of the Reading Branch, shall receive 250 sets of documents early in the week, as requested. Dr. Procter, Secretary of the Yorkshire Branch, shall receive 500 copies. Dr. Henry Barnes' (Carlisle) wish shall be complied with.

An Old Correspondent and Associate has forgotten to give his name; and we do not recognise the handwriting.

DR. CRACE CALVERT (Manchester) can procure the Naval Medical Report, containing Dr. Bernard's article, at Hansard's, Great Queen Street. It is a Parliamentary Blue-book.

MR. P. H. HOLLAND (London).—Full information as to the ambulance tents of the American Ambulance in Paris, has, we believe, been published by Dr. Thomas Evans, of Paris.

DR. HORACE SWETE's paper on "The Position of Medical Men receiving Resident Nervous Patients", shall have the earliest possible insertion.

MR. A. DAVIES (Swansea).—The circulars have been forwarded.

SIR.—Can you, through your "Notices to Correspondents", inform me who Helen Berkley is, and what is the title of the book written by her, whence some extracts are made on pp. 177-8 of Dr. Lory Marsh's recent work, entitled "A Book about Shams." I am, etc., VATES.

SCALPED BY BURNING.

SIR.—The case of scalping in this week's JOURNAL reminds of a very similar case which was shown to me some years ago in the Downham Union by Dr. T. G. Wales. The patient, an old man, had fallen in a fit with his head resting against the bars of the grate. The scalp was so severely burned that the whole of it sloughed away. At the time when he was shown to me, the outer table of the cranium had begun to separate, small pieces exfoliating all round the margin, which was marked out by an abundant crop of granulations. So far as I remember, there was little or no discharge. What the termination of the case was, I do not know. Perhaps Dr. Wales will be able to give us additional particulars of this, which was one of the most interesting cases I have seen.

King's Lynn, December 24th, 1870. I am, etc., JOHN LOWE, M.D.

ENQUIRER and a MEMBER (East Bridgford, Notts) complains that an L.S.A., registered, is behaving very unprofessionally, and has a plate with "Surgeon" on his door. He wishes to know what the law is in such a case, and who should prosecute. We do not think any prosecution expedient in such a case, or that it would succeed. Strictly speaking an L.S.A. has no legal right to call himself surgeon, but a moral right arises out of the past and present muddle of qualifications and long custom; and we are of opinion that in such matters registered practitioners should show kindness and good feeling to each other, and should not endeavour to stretch the letter of the law.

NEW MEMBERS.—Dr. Barnes's (Carlisle) letter shall have due attention. Proper forms of application have been forwarded to Dr. Ritchie (Leek). The alteration suggested by Mr. Hodgson (Brighton), in the last series of documents, was in time, and has been made in them, and will be observed in future cases. Mr. W. L. Green (Tisbury) shall receive further communications with enclosures.

WE are indebted to correspondents for the following periodicals, containing news, reports, and other matters of medical interest:—The New York Medical Gazette, Dec. 17th; The New York Medical Record, Dec. 22nd; The Boston Medical and Surgical Journal, Dec. 22nd; The Madras Mail, Oct., 24th; The Shield, Dec. 31st; The Birmingham Daily Gazette, January 2nd; etc.

COMMUNICATIONS, LETTERS, ETC., HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM:—

Dr. Southey, London; Mr. Wardroper, London; Dr. J. D. Rendle, Clapham; Dr. J. B. Tuke, Cupar, Fife; Mr. T. Read, London; Mr. A. Pope, Lee; Dr. Christian, London; Dr. Grieve, London; Dr. Treutler, Kew; Mr. H. Greenway, Plymouth; Dr. Lanchester, Croydon; Mr. A. H. Dolman, Derby; Dr. Boycott, London; Mr. Wheelhouse, Leeds; Dr. Rumsey, Cheltenham; Mr. Wanklyn, London; Dr. Corbould, Bath; Mr. G. R. Thomas, Midhurst; Messrs. King and Co., London; Dr. Procter, York; The Secretary of the Epidemiological Society; The Secretary of the Ethnological Society; Mr. Bartleet, Birmingham; Mr. P. H. Maud, London; Mr. H. Hemsted, Whitchurch; Dr. H. Barnes, Carlisle; Dr. A. P. Stewart, London; Dr. H. Swete, Weston-super-Mare; Mr. J. Waring-Curran, Mansfield; Messrs. Calvert and Co., Manchester; Mr. J. J. Saville, Sunderland; Mr. Tomlinson, London; Surgeon-Major Ross, Calcutta; Dr. Pentland, Drogheda; Dr. Seaton, London; Mr. J. Gamgee, London; etc.

LETTERS, ETC. (WITH ENCLUSES), FROM:—

Sir Henry Thompson, London; Dr. J. Hughes Bennett, Edinburgh; Dr. George Johnson, London; Mr. Joseph Lister, Edinburgh; Mr. Alfred Haviland, London; Dr. E. Symes Thompson, London; Our Liverpool Correspondent; Mr. Francis Mason, London; Dr. Joseph Rogers, London; Dr. Robert Barnes, London; Our Dublin Correspondent; Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson, London; Dr. Habershon, London; Dr. Fuller, London; Dr. Savage, Alston, Cumberland; Mr. Wright, Knaresborough; Mr. J. Chapman, London; Mr. H. Smith, London; Messrs. Robertson and Scott, London; Dr. A. Pullar, London; Dr. Falconer, Bath; Our Edinburgh Correspondent; Messrs. J. and A. Churchill, London; Messrs. Cox and Co., Brighton; Dr. Basham, London; Dr. T. J. Aubin, Jersey; Dr. Shettle, Reading; Mr. A. Davies, Swansea; Dr. T. Head, Warwick Bridge, near Carlisle; The Registrar-General of England; The Secretary of Apothecaries' Hall; The Registrar-General of Ireland; Mr. T. M. Stone, London; The Registrar of the Medical Society of London; Dr. Pilkington, Chorley; Mr. Wm. Mac Cormac, London; Mr. J. H. Mills, London; Mr. Wagstaffe, London; Dr. B. Chevallier, Ipswich; Dr. Heywood Smith, London; etc.

BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED.

Pocket Diagrams and Notes of Valvular Heart-Disease. Edited by Professor Harvey, M.D. Edinburgh: 1870.

Observations on some of the more Recent Methods of Treating Wounds, and on Excision of the Knee-joint. By E. Lund, F.R.C.S. Manchester: 1870.

Introduction to the Study of Inorganic Chemistry. By W. A. Miller, M.D., D.C.L., LL.D. London: Longmans. 1870.

Descriptive Catalogue of the Dermatological Specimens contained in the Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons, England. London: 1870.