

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY.....Royal Free, 2 P.M.—Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's for Fistula and other Diseases of the Rectum, 1.15 P.M.—Samaritan, 2.30 P.M.—Lock, Clinical Demonstration and Operations, 1 P.M.

TUESDAY. Guy's, 1½ P.M.—Westminster, 2 P.M.

WEDNESDAY... St. Mary's, 1 P.M.—Middlesex, 1 P.M.—University College, 2 P.M.

THURSDAY.... St. George's, 1 P.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 1 P.M.—London, 1.30 P.M.—Great Northern, 2 P.M.—London Surgical Home, 2 P.M.—Royal Orthopaedic, 2 P.M.

FRIDAY..... Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.

SATURDAY.... St. Thomas's, 1 P.M.—St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—King's College, 1.30 P.M.—Charing Cross, 2 P.M.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY. Medical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Mr. Gay, "On Intestinal Stricture."—Royal Geographical.

TUESDAY. Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, 8.30 P.M. Mr. Henry Thompson, "On Treatment of Severe Stricture of the Urethra by Gradual Distension at a Single Sitting"; Dr. H. Weber, "Pathology of Crura Cerebri."—Ethnological.

WEDNESDAY. Society of Arts.

THURSDAY. Harveian Society of London. Dr. Cock, "On Rickets, and the Connection of Laryngismus Stridulus or False Croup with that Disease."—Zoological.—Royal.—Antiquarian.—Linnean.—Chemical.

FRIDAY. Western Medical and Surgical Society, 8 P.M. Practical Evening for the Narration of Cases and the Exhibition of Specimens.—Royal Institution.

SATURDAY. Association Medical Officers of Health.

POPULATION STATISTICS AND METEOROLOGY OF LONDON—APRIL 4, 1863.

[From the Registrar-General's Report.]

	Births.	Deaths.
During week.....	{ Boys.. 955 }	1,972 1675
	{ Girls.. 1017 }	
Average of corresponding weeks 1853-62		1924 1368

Barometer:
Highest (Thu.) 30.033; lowest (Sun.) 29.670; mean, 29.914.

Thermometer:
Highest in sun—extremes (Th.) 95 degs.; (Sat.) 73 degs.
In shade—highest (Fri.) 61 degs.; lowest (Wed.) 28.3 degs.
Mean—45.3 degrees; difference from mean of 43 yrs. ±1.5 deg.
Range—during week, 32.7 degrees; mean daily, 20.9 degrees.
Mean humidity of air (saturation=100), 77.
Mean direction of wind, Var.—Rain in inches, 0.04.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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

A MEMBER.—We cannot state with certainty who is the London agent for the *Gazette des Hôpitaux*; as we receive our copies direct from the office of publication, 13 rue Bonaparte, Paris. Perhaps, Messrs. Williams and Norgate of Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, or Mr. H. Baillière of Regent Street, would import the *Gazette* for subscribers. Our correspondent is of course aware, that odd numbers of the foreign medical periodicals are not to be obtained in London: the whole year's volume must be subscribed for. If he wish particular numbers, he had better apply direct to the office in Paris.

THE MEDICAL COUNCIL.—SIR: By a curious coincidence, your editorial leader on the failure of the Registration Clause in the Medical Act, appeared in the same number of the JOURNAL which contained a list of new members, and amongst them the Registrar of the Council. The leader conveys the impression that, in its original form, it was a ruder onslaught on the Medical Act; and I have no doubt it told some home truths, and showed the utter

failure of the Registration Clause, as regards its protecting power of the interests of the forty shilling-holders; but it certainly was so toned down in its present form, that it will not offend even the bland and courteous Registrar.

I maintain that registration is simply and solely a fine, and nothing more or less, for being dubbed a physician or surgeon. Originally, the rank and file of the profession were told that it was a great protecting power; all who entered through its portals were safe; and woe betide those who practised on Her Majesty's liege subjects without the license! What are the results? It allows full play to charlatanism, encourages irregular practice, and publishes the fact to the *οἱ πολλοί*, that any one may bleed and physic whoever he pleases, without let or hindrance.

I have to thank Dr. Heygate for coming to the rescue; and I fervently hope that, with his powerful aid, the Medical Council will not grudgingly but cheerfully take the initiative, and endeavour to have the Registration Clause so amended, that at any rate we may have a real and not a fictitious license.

Apologising for occupying your space.

March 17th, 1863.

I am, etc., AN OLD ASSOCIATE.

[Our correspondent seems to assume that the Medical Council have the power to put down irregular practitioners. It is clearly useless to abuse the Medical Council for not exercising powers which they do not possess. Let those who thus cry out show the legal powers under which the Council can do what they desire should be done. Our correspondent must have a strange idea of the management of this JOURNAL, if he thinks that the appearance of a name in the list of associates could alter the sentiments expressed in a leading article. EDITOR.]

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BOOKS RECEIVED.

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