

the nine most populous unions. The cost of the measure—1-20th part of a farthing on the total valuation of Ireland, would be an infinitesimal price to pay for what would be a great boon to the country. At present the births amounted to about 200,000 a year, while, on the other hand, the number of vaccinations, which was 107,000 in 1860, had fallen to 87,000 in 1862.

HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN, LEEDS. On April 22nd, the committee of the hospital met Mr. Ikin the hon. sec. at the house of the Vicar (the President of the hospital), when a silver tea service and salver, epergne, four corner dishes, and timepiece were presented to him. On the salver, teapot, and epergne was inscribed: "Presented to J. I. Ikin, Esq., Hon. Sec. of the Hospital for Women and Children, Leeds, by a few friends of the Institution, as a slight recognition of his unwearied exertions in its behalf since its foundation, and especially in promoting the erection and completion of the New Hospital. April, 1863."

THE CASE OF DR. WATERS OF CHESTER. MEETING OF THE PROFESSION AT BIRKENHEAD. A meeting of the medical profession of Birkenhead was held at the Borough Hospital, on Monday evening, April 27th, to consider the propriety of assisting to defray the expenses incurred by Dr. Waters, of Chester, in resisting the unjust charge brought against him at the late Chester assizes. Dr. Vale presided; and Mr. Godelen officiated as secretary. The following resolutions were passed: "That this meeting desire to express their sympathy with Dr. E. Waters for the position in which he was placed by the unjust and abominable charges which were brought against him at the late trial of Bromwich v. Waters, and to offer him their hearty congratulation on the result of that trial." "That this meeting recommend that a subscription be set on foot to assist in defraying the expenses incurred by Dr. Waters." A committee was appointed to carry out the last resolution.

THE LATE DR. FOWLER, OF SALISBURY. This gentleman, who for many years practised in that place, has just died at the advanced age of ninety-eight years. He had for twenty years retired from the more active duties of the profession; he, however, honourably passed through a long and arduous practice. He obtained his degree of M.D. at the University of Edinburgh in 1793, was admitted a licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians in 1796, and then settled at Salisbury. Dr. Fowler was at once elected Physician to the Infirmary in that city, and continued to discharge the duties of that office with great zeal and ability up to 1847, when advancing years induced him to resign. He was the oldest Fellow of the Royal Society, and was also member of various other learned bodies. His remains were interred at Salisbury on Saturday week, the pall being supported by four members of the profession—John Winzar, John Andrews, G. R. Tatum, and J. A. Lush, Esqrs., the two former being pupils at the Infirmary during the time when Dr. Fowler was physician.

POPULATION STATISTICS AND METEOROLOGY OF LONDON—APRIL 25, 1863.

[From the Registrar-General's Report.]

	Births.	Deaths.
During week.....	{ Boys .. 958 Girls .. 1005 }	1963 1408
Average of corresponding weeks 1853-62		1933 1286
Barometer:		
Highest (Fri.) 30.214; lowest (Wed.) 29.604; mean, 29.895.		
Thermometer:		
Highest in sun—extremes (Sun.) 106.4 degs.; (Tu.) 91 degs.		
In shade—highest (Mon.) 69.3 degs.; lowest (Sun.) 33.6 degs.		
Mean—50.2 degrees; difference from mean of 43 yrs.+3.0 degs.		
Range—during week, 35.7 degrees; mean daily, 24.6 degrees.		
Mean humidity of air (saturation=100), 77.		
Mean direction of wind, N.W.—Rain in inches, 0.01.		

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.	Entomological.—Asiatic.—Epidemiological.
TUESDAY.	Pathological.—Photographical.—Ethnological.
WEDNESDAY.	Obstetrical Society of London, 8 P.M. Dr. Kidd, "Further Observations on the Use of Anæsthetics in Midwifery"; Mr. Cooke, "Case of Simultaneous Uterine and extra-Uterine Pregnancy"; Mr. Marshall and Dr. Graily Hewitt, "Case of Tubal Pregnancy."—Society of Arts.—Geological.
THURSDAY.	Harveian Society of London. Dr. Camps, "Some Remarks on Certain Diseases attended with Impaired and Perverted Motion."—Royal.—Antiquarian.—Linnean.—Chemical.
FRIDAY.	Astronomical.—Royal Institution.
SATURDAY.	Royal Botanical.

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