

POPULATION STATISTICS AND METEOROLOGY
OF LONDON—MAY 9, 1863.

[From the Registrar-General's Report.]

	Births.	Deaths.
During week.....	{ Boys..1078 Girls..1077 }	2155 1459
Average of corresponding weeks 1853-62		1911 1244
Barometer:		
Highest (Fri.) 30.171; lowest (Mon.) 29.667; mean, 29.869.		
Thermometer:		
Highest in sun—extremes (Tu.) 109 degs.; (Th.) 99 degs.		
In shade—highest (Tu.) 72.9 degs.; lowest (Fri.) 35.9 degs.		
Mean—53.2 degrees; difference from mean of 43 yrs.+1.7 degs.		
Range—during week, 37 degrees; mean daily, 25.9 degrees.		
Mean humidity of air (saturation=100), 73.		
Mean direction of wind, N.E.—Rain in inches, 0.00.		

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.

RECENT IMPROVEMENT IN RESUSCITATION FOR CHLOROFORM DEATHS.—SIR: Would you let it be stated, for the information of some few members of the Association who take an interest in chloroform, that in a recent very marked sudden instance of suspended animation from that agent, and in a second most remarkable case, of what also would have proved irretrievable death from drowning, the most astonishing effects with perfect recovery were brought about by the new mode of induction electricity described by Mr. Faraday, passed in interrupted currents through the phrenic nerve and respiratory muscles, not through the heart or cardiac nerves. The largest number of accidents from anaesthetics yet collected is one by Langenbeck, in a German manual recently brought out; but he admits it is mine, and his deductions are essentially the same as those I drew from this list of these one hundred and thirty-three cases. The list now amounts to nearly two hundred deaths from anaesthetics; all pointing to one fact or great want, which the Faradisation current supplies. Snow's "cardiac syncope" is an error; and the Marshall Hall "ready method" is absolute destruction of the patient. Ether mixed with chloroform (one part of the latter to four of the former) has many points in its favour compared to pure chloroform, especially in exhausted patients. Deaths occur twice as frequently in healthy adult men as they do in females, though chloroform is much used in midwifery. I am, etc., CHARLES KIDD, M.D.

Sackville Street, April 16th, 1863.

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from:—Mr. J. WEST WALKER; Mr. L. NEWTON; Dr. WILLIAM BUDD; Dr. HEYWOOD THOMSON; Dr. GIBBON; Dr. T. M. STONE; THE SECRETARIES OF THE HARVEIAN SOCIETY; Mr. J. W. BAKER; Dr. PARKES; THE SECRETARIES OF THE BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH; Mr. THOMAS BRYANT; Dr. RAMSBOOTHAM; Mr. T. H. SMITH; Mr. FURNEUX JORDAN; Dr. A. CARPENTER; Mr. J. JONES; Dr. J. EDMUNDS; and Dr. HYDE SALTER.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

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2. On Rupture: Inguinal, Crural, and Umbilical. By John Wood, F.R.C.S. London: 1863.
3. Sussex County Asylum. Fourth Annual Report. 1862.
4. Outlines of a New Theory of Muscular Action. By the Rev. Samuel Houghton, M.D., F.R.S. London: 1863.
5. Studies in Physiology and Medicine. By the late Robert J. Graves, F.R.S. Edited by William Stokes. London: 1863.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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April 1863.

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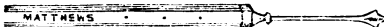
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