

cation for our profession has become an effort of memory rather than a process of mental training." (*Mr. Syme on Medical Education.*)

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY.....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.
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.—London, 2 P.M.
THURSDAY....St. George's, 1 P.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 1 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.—Lock, Clinical Demonstration and Operations, 1 P.M.—Royal Free, 1.30 P.M.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY. Medical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Mr. Spencer Watson. "On Inflammation of the Cornea, and the Influence of Morbid Secretions on the Mucous Surfaces of the Eye."

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.

DR. BADER.—We shall be glad to insert any remarks of Dr. Bader's touching iridectomy; but we cannot insert letters tainted with personalities. Above everything, we desire to keep this very important controversy in the upper regions of honourable and scientific inquiry.

MEDICAL AND SURGICAL WIT.—A well-known medical wit asked a friend: "Why did the young prince come into the world in a state of poverty?" And "answering the question which himself had asked," said: "Because he began life with only a single Brown." On hearing which, a celebrated surgeon immediately added: "Not Far(re) fetched."

OUR PROFESSION.—The following is from the *Liverpool Daily Post*. Dr. Smyth's usefulness and benevolence will be appreciated by the whole profession, we doubt not.

"The Roscoe Street Hospital for Skin Diseases. The annual report of Dr. Smyth, the medical officer of the above institution, and, indeed, its only support, as it is maintained at the sole cost of that gentleman, has just been issued. The report states that when the hospital was established in 1863, it was the only one in any town in England, except the metropolis, devoted to the treatment of cutaneous maladies; and the number of out-patients treated successfully during the past year, as well as the still increasing numbers of those presenting themselves weekly for treatment, attest not only to its past utility, but its further requirement. Nearly all the out-door patients belonged to the labouring classes, who, were it not for this hospital, would possibly have had to relinquish their employment, and, whilst becoming chargeable to the parish, would have impoverished their families."

HIPPURIC ACID IN HUMAN URINE.—Dr. Thudichum, in a paper read to the Chemical Society on the Physiological Variations of Hippuric Acid in Human Urine, summed up his researches with the statement that, under various conditions of health and disease, the amount of hippuric acid found in man's urine furnished no pathological conclusions of any value, since the variations were influenced greatly by the kind of food taken, much more so, indeed, than by many of the abnormal circumstances, the effects of which had been studied. (*Chemical News.*)

FALSE "BARKS".—According to Mr. Howard, a fraud is now practised by bark merchants, who send to this country barks which bear a most deceptive resemblance to Calisaya, and also mix the roots of the Calisaya with Bolivian bark. These frauds, Mr. Howard says, show the importance to us of the cultivation of cinchona barks in India. (*Chemical News.*)

PRECEDENCE OF PHYSICIANS.—SIR: In the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of March 8th, 1862, I find the following statement of Dr. H. Pitman, Registrar of the College of Physicians. "No physician, as such, can properly be said to have rank or title; no claim to these being recognised by authorities treating of precedence, except as founded on the possession of an University degree." Coming from such high authority as the accomplished Registrar of the College of Physicians, the above statement has much weight, and deserves our respectful consideration; nevertheless, the rank and title of physicians are recognised by very high authorities treating of precedence. I quote from the *Encyclopædia Britannica*, last edition, as being of high authority, and the most recent one upon the subject. The articles on Heraldry, etc., I should state, are by T. W. King, Esq., F.A.S., York Herald, Herald's College.

Esquires. "The following also are reputed esquires:—Officers of the Queen's Court and Household; officers of the army and Navy, down to captains in the army, inclusive; doctors of law, etc.; sergeants and counsellors at law; physicians; justices of the peace, while in commission; and the sheriffs of counties for life. The heads of many families are esquires by prescription."

Upon turning to the table of precedence, I find the following order observed:—

Doctors (of the Universities).

Esquires (including physicians, barristers, etc.).

Gentlemen (including surgeons, attorneys, etc.).

December 1863.

I am, etc., A PHYSICIAN.

USE OF METHYLATED SPIRIT.—The editor of the *Chemical News*, in answer to the question whether or no any harm results from the use of sweet spirit of nitre made with methylated spirit, says:—"We have already expressed a strong opinion against the use of methylated spirit for any but external applications; nevertheless, we are bound to say that we never heard of any harm resulting from the use of methylated nitre, which is employed in some of our hospitals. Methylated nitre cannot be considered an adulterated article."

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from:—Dr. JAMES WILLIAMS; Dr. A. T. H. WATERS; Mr. R. S. FOWLER; Mr. J. KENT SPENDER; Dr. C. BADER; Mr. J. DIXON; Mr. WOOLCOTT; Dr. T. GUY; Dr. W. B. MUSSET; Mr. W. A. BURROWS; Mr. WILLIAM ROWMAN; Dr. MARTIN; Dr. CHAMBERS; THE REGISTRAR OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON; Mr. DAYMAN; Mr. HUSBAND; Dr. C. HOLMAN; Mr. BOWLES; Mr. M. B. HILL; Mr. JABEZ HOGG; and Mr. W. M. BAKER.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

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2. Seventeenth Report of St. Mark's Ophthalmic Hospital. Dublin: 1863.
3. Consumption: its Causes, etc. By S. Fletcher, M.D.
4. Braithwaite's Retrospect. July to December 1863.
5. Transactions of the Odontological Society of Great Britain. Vol. III. 1863.
6. The Second Step in Chemistry: or, the Student's Guide to the Higher Branches of the Science. By Robert Galloway, F.C.S. London: 1864.
7. Anatomy, Descriptive and Surgical. By Henry Gray, F.R.S. Third edition. By T. Holmes, M.A. London: 1864.
8. Observations on the Present State of Medical Education. By James Syme, F.R.S.E. Edinburgh: 1864.
9. Medical Morphology. By M. T. Masters. London: 1864.

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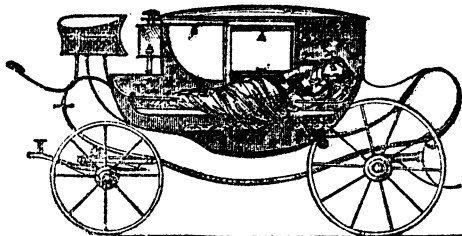
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