

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE
NEXT WEEK.

- MONDAY.** Medical, 8.30 P.M.: Clinical Discussion.—Zoological (Anniversary).
- WEDNESDAY.** Obstetrical, 8 P.M.: Dr. Priestley, "On the Treatment of Cases of Abortion in which the Placenta and Membranes are retained." Society of Arts, 8 P.M.: Mr. J. J. Dahlke, "On Filtration and Filtering Media."—Ethnological.—Royal Institution (Anniversary).—Pharmaceutical, 8 P.M.
- THURSDAY.** Harveian, 8 P.M.: Mr. J. R. Lane, "On some Diseases of the Rectum."—Royal, 8.30 P.M.—Antiquarian.—Linnean, 8 P.M.—Chemical, 8 P.M.
- FRIDAY.** Western Medical and Surgical, 8 P.M.—Royal Institution.—Archaeological Institute.
- SATURDAY.** Army Medical and Surgical, 7.30 P.M.

POPULATION STATISTICS AND METEOROLOGY
OF LONDON—APRIL 20TH, 1861.

[From the Registrar-General's Report.]

		Births.	Deaths.
During week.....	{ Boys..1007 Girls.. 954 }	1961	1210
Average of corresponding weeks 1851-60		1713	1225
Barometer:			
Highest (Tu.) 30.235; lowest (Th.) 30.056; mean 30.123.			
Thermometer:			
Highest in sun—extremes (Tu. & Wed.) 109 degs.; (Mon.) 67 degs.			
In shade—highest (Tu.) 61.8 degrees; lowest (Sat.) 32.5 degrees.			
Mean—45.4 degrees; difference from mean of 43 yrs.—0.7 deg.			
Range—during week, 29.3 degrees; mean daily, 15.4 degrees.			
Mean humidity of air (saturation=100), 82.			
Mean direction of wind, E. & N.E.—Rain in inches, 0.00.			

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

* * * All letters and communications for the JOURNAL, to be addressed to the EDITOR, 37, Great Queen St., Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.

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

MR. GARDNER.—A concise report of the cases of bad compound comminuted fracture, referred to by Mr. Gardner as treated by means of the screw splint (a drawing of which he has enclosed to us), would be interesting, if given with an accurate description of the splint. We think that the name of the inventor of the splint should be mentioned. Mr. G. only speaks of him as a "clever provincial surgeon, now deceased." There does not appear to be any novelty in the splint, except an unnecessary piece of mechanism. The screw for extension dates from the Flood.

MR. T. PAGET writes:—"In your number of this week you say 'We last week published a correspondence sent to us from the Medico-Ethical Society of Manchester,' and I have sought for it in your pages. I fear that others may have, in the same way, lost their labour, and that some may even surmise that it is an object with the JOURNAL to screen some individual named in the papers you received. Whatever may have been the course of the Manchester Ethical Society, I cannot but think it will be found so similar to that of the South Midland and Midland Branches of the Association in 1858, that I would refer to your number of June 26th of that year (and to one of a date shortly prior to that, which I regret I cannot name), for proof that the feeling of scorn for the superstition or imposture of 'homœo-quackery,' or for those who associate with it, has by no means a narrow basis in our profession."

[Mr. Paget is very unlucky both in his search and in his surmise. The correspondence he sought for in vain is, nevertheless to be found at p. 404, and in the number of the JOURNAL in which he sought for it in vain. It occupies, moreover, about two columns, and is duly labelled with its (invisible?) title. We need hardly add, that the surmise of Mr. Paget, therefore, is superfluous, and not likely to be realised, in this instance, at least.—EDITOR.]

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from:—Dr. J. O. McWILLIAM; Dr. A. T. H. WATERS; Mr. G. E. STANGER; Dr. BROWN-SQUARD; Dr. SKINNER; Mr. PAGET; Mr. MACCARTHY; Dr. THORBURN; Dr. H. DOBELL; Mr. J. F. MARTIN; Dr. G. HEWITT; Dr. WADHAM; and Mr. T. M. STONE.

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