

THE DENTAL HOSPITAL OF LONDON. The second anniversary festival of this institution was celebrated on the 27th ult. Last year 12,250 persons attended the hospital, and this relief included nearly 8,000 extractions, and over 2,000 gold, foil, and other flings. The school continues in a satisfactory state. The number of students has largely increased.

ODONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY. At the last monthly meeting held on April 4th, Edwin Saunders, Esq., in the chair, a number of casual communications were made on various models then presented to the Society's museum. The secretary read a paper by Mr. H. Kyan of Preston, on the Extraction of Teeth and Roots as a Preparation for the Introduction of Artificial Substitutes. The author considered that the presence of roots in the mouth impaired the breath, and prevented uniformity in the resisting surface of the gum, thereby causing unsteadiness of the artificial substitutes. They could not, as a rule, be subjected to pressure without occasioning disease. His experience led him to adopt the practice of extracting all teeth and roots which were liable, even remotely, to occasion future trouble. The discussion that followed elicited the opinion of the Society to be in favour of conservative surgery; and that as a rule it was far more desirable to preserve than to extract all teeth and roots. The thanks of the Society were accorded to Mr. Kyan, and a paper on "Some forms of Irregularity and their Treatment" by Mr. Cartwright, was announced for the next meeting.

"SPELL" MEDICINE. At the Penryn Petty Sessions, Jane Lacy, a "cunning woman" was charged with having pretended to use subtle device and craft in order to remove a "spell" from Mrs. Joanna Bate, who died on March 21st. Mrs. Bate had been suffering from bad legs, and was advised to call in Mrs. Lacy, who said she "had a spell upon her, but, with the help of God, in five weeks she would be the woman she was seven years ago." The prisoner further said that a person had "wished" that Mrs. Bate's arms might fall useless at her side, and that she might be struck blind; but that instead of the "wish" being fulfilled, the spell had fallen on her legs. She described the person who had "ill-wished" Mrs. Bate, and said the spell had fallen on her when the planets were crossing the moon. She administered medicine and gave lotion for rubbing the legs, and altogether charged £1:12:6 for her services, which amount was paid. Before operating she required a lock of Mrs. Bate's hair. The magistrates committed her to two months' imprisonment, with hard labour.

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.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.

TUESDAY.... Guy's, 1½ P.M.—Westminster, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.

WEDNESDAY... St. Mary's, 1 P.M.—Middlesex, 1 P.M.—University College, 2 P.M.—London, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.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.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.

FRIDAY..... Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.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.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

TUESDAY. Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, 8.30 P.M. Dr. G. B. Brodie, "Statistics of Queen Charlotte's Lying-in Hospital"; Mr. Berkeley Hill "On the occurrence of an additional Muscle to the Subclavius."—Zoological.—Ethnological.

WEDNESDAY. Microscopical.—Geological.

THURSDAY. Royal Society.

FRIDAY. Royal Institution.—Astronomical.

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ERRATUM.—At page 471, for "William Dale, Esq.," read "William Date, Esq."

WE have been forced to postpone much correspondence in consequence of the length of the Medical Council reports.

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from:—THE REGISTRAR OF THE MEDICAL COUNCIL; MR. T. M. STONE; DR. FREDERICK J. BROWN; MR. LOWNDES; MR. BRODHURST; THE HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE HARVEIAN SOCIETY OF LONDON; DR. J. WEST WALKER; DR. GIBB; DR. BOYCOTT; A SURGEON; MR. HAYNES WALTON; DR. PHILIPSON; MR. A. M. RANDALL; MR. REGINALD HARRISON; MR. C. F. MAUNDER; MR. J. Z. LAURENCE; MR. CHRISTOPHER HEATH; MR. W. DATE; MR. T. JACKSON; DR. LIONEL BEALE; DR. DREW; DR. FALCONER; MR. H. TERRY; MR. THOMAS JONES; THE HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY; MR. WILLIAM MARTIN; DR. J. HUGHLINGS JACKSON; DR. HOLMAN; DR. T. STEPHENS; MR. T. SPENCER WELLS; MR. GASKOIN; MR. F. M. EDGE; REV. W. J. MORRIS; EQUITAS; DR. J. LORIMER; MR. S. N. HARRISON; MR. J. VOSE SOLOMON; and DR. RICHARDSON.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

1. Second Annual Report of the Cumberland and Westmoreland Lunatic Asylum. Carlisle: 1864.
2. The Eighth Annual Report of the United Lunatic Asylum, Nottingham.
3. Diseases of the Throat and Windpipe. By G. D. Gibb, M.D., M.A. Second edition. London: 1864.
4. The Economical Use of Fuel and the Prevention of Smoke. By F. Edwards, jun. London: 1864.
5. Report of the Richmond District Lunatic Asylum, Dublin, for 1863. Dublin: 1864.
6. The Practice of Employing Certain Substitutes for the Genuine Ingredients in some Articles of Daily Food. By a Lady. London and Brighton: 1864.
7. Sussex Lunatic Asylum: Fifth Annual Report, for 1863.

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