

hours, days, or years in badly ventilated places with more or less discomfort and danger, but a draught of cold air may kill like a sword. In railway carriages, and in houses also, the great instinct of man is first to be warm enough, and he is quite right. Such a universal instinct must not be sneered at."

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY.....Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's for Fistula and other Diseases of the Rectum, 1.30 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.—St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 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.—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.

MONDAY. Royal College of Surgeons of England, 4 P.M. Professor Huxley, "On the Structure and Classification of the Mammalia."—Epidemiological Society, 8 P.M. Dr. Babington, F.R.S., "Suggestions for the Diminution of Venereal Disease among the Civil Population."—Medical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Dr. E. Symes Thompson, "Notes on Cases of Tumour in the Mediastinum"; Mr. Teevan, "On Certain Fractures of the Skull."
TUESDAY. Pathological Society of London, 8 P.M.
WEDNESDAY. Royal College of Surgeons of England, 4 P.M. Professor Huxley, "On the Structure and Classification of the Mammalia."—Medical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Mr. Henry Smith, Lettsomian Lectures on the Surgery of the Rectum. Lecture I, "On Some Points connected with Fistula in Ano."
FRIDAY. Royal College of Surgeons of England, 4 P.M. Professor Huxley, "On the Structure and Classification of the Mammalia."

REGISTRATION OF DISEASE.

MONTHLY RETURN of new cases of disease coming under treatment at Pauper and Public Institutions. (A.) In Manchester and Salford (Sanitary Association). (B.) At Preston (R. C. Brown, Esq.). (C.) At St. Marylebone, London (Dr. Whitmore).

5 weeks ending December 31, 1864.

	A.	B.	C.
Small-Pox	109	—	5
Chicken-Pox	9	5	9
Measles	95	15	128
Scarlatina	59	61	45
Diphtheria	—	—	7
Whooping-Cough	34	4	75
Croup	4	1	6
Diarrhoea	127	32	356
Dysentery	20	4	3
Erysipelas	20	2	23
Insanity	31	—	23
Bronchitis and Catarrh	1210	48	1291
Pleurisy and Pneumonia	107	11	50
Carbuncle	—	—	4
Accidents and other diseases ..	5369	no return	3705
Totals	7225	—	5823

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from:—Dr. HENRY MARSHALL; Dr. DURRANT; Dr. W. H. O. SANKEY; Dr. B. W. RICHARDSON; Dr. HARDIE; Mr. T. M. STONE; Mr. REGINALD HARRISON; Dr. BARCLAY; Mr. RHODES; THE HON. SECRETARY OF THE EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SOCIETY; Mr. J. JAMES; Dr. GEORGE JOHNSON; THE HONORARY SECRETARIES OF THE OBSTETRICAL SOCIETY; Mr. W. R. HUGHES; Mr. A. RANSOME; Dr. JOHN THOMPSON; Dr. SCHOLFIELD; Dr. W. H. ACKLAND; Mr. PRIDGIN TEALE; Mr. J. H. HAMMOND; Mr. J. N. RADCLIFFE; Dr. FITZPATRICK; Mr. J. SADLER; Mr. RICHARD WILDING; Dr. WILLIAM NEWMAN, THE HON. SECRETARIES OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON; Mr. W. N. HIRON; and F.R.C.P.

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NON-MERCURIAL TREATMENT OF SYPHILIS.—SIR: In answer to the inquiries of Dr. Fox, concerning the cases published in the JOURNAL on December 24th, 1864, as to whether they are strictly within the limits of the non-mercurial treatment, I must say that I consider they are. The ointment used in Cases I and II was merely as a local application, not to produce any effect upon the system; the patients used about one ounce a week, and it contained six grains of the nitric oxide of mercury. In Case III, the child had been under treatment before it was brought to me; and instead of improving, it was gradually losing ground: it soon rallied on the non-mercurial treatment. Allow me to add another case, that of J. R., aged 5 weeks (third child). The father informed me that his two previous children had suffered from the same disease. They had been treated with grey powder and blue ointment; both died. Upon examining this infant, I found that it had syphilitic psoriasis on the buttocks and testicles, an ulcer at the anus, and snuffles, and was pale and emaciated. I ordered it, on Oct. 11th, two grains of chlorate of potash three times a day; and on Nov. 1st, it was discharged cured.

I have treated upwards of thirty cases by the non-mercurial treatment with the most favourable results; and will publish them *in extenso* in the JOURNAL, if you wish. I will refer Dr. Fox to a letter of mine, published in the JOURNAL on June 24th, 1864, for three more cases, treated without mercury.

I am, etc.,

R. WILLIAM DUNN.

13, Surrey Street, W.C., January 25th, 1865.

THE POOR-LAW MEDICAL SERVICE.—SIR: One who has known from childhood what work our law really is, hardly needs an apology for speaking out when occasion tempts. As the eldest son of a medical family, whose parent was Poor-law Medical Officer, or, in more intelligible language, the parish doctor, during the thirty-three years he spent in a laborious country practice, I feel I have an Englishman's right to a simple hearing on the case of Timothy Daly. Punch has exhausted my argument on behalf of the Poor-law profession, in to-day's issue. To endorse his views, and encourage the indomitable Richard Griffin—whose effigy ought to adorn the entrance of every workhouse—I send you a copy of a paper I was compelled to print, in self-defence, when assailed by the Leicester Guardians and their clerk some years ago. The facts contained in the paper are indisputable, and, I think, appropriate to the *in memoriam* tablet of Timothy Daly and his aggrieved medical advisers. I am, etc., JOHN A. BOLTON, M.D.

Leicester, January 28th, 1865.

PRYCE v. BOWEN.—SIR: I wish to inform the members of the medical profession that sufficient contributions have been raised to enable Dr. Bowen to defray the legal expenses incurred by the late trial, "Pryce v. Bowen." I am, etc.,

H. D. SCHOLFIELD, M.D., Treasurer.

14, Hamilton Square, January 31st, 1865.

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