

## OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

**MONDAY.....**Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's for Fistula and other Diseases of the Rectum, 9 A.M. and 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.—St. Thomas'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, 9.30 A.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.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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**COMMUNICATIONS.**—To prevent a not uncommon misconception, we beg to inform our correspondents that, as a rule, all communications which are not returned to their authors, are retained for publication.

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

**MR. JABEZ HOGG** has reprinted from the *Intellectual Observer* an interesting article written by him, on "Life and Death in Our Mines."

**MR. TEEVAN** has reprinted from the *British and Foreign Medical-Chirurgical Review* his paper on "Fracture of the Internal Table of the Skull."

**IN THE JANUARY NUMBER OF THE JOURNAL OF MENTAL SCIENCE**, Mr. H. C. Bastian, of the Broadmoor Lunatic Asylum, gives an elaborate paper on the Specific Gravity of the Different Parts of the Human Brain. Dr. W. C. McIntosh, of the Perth Asylum, has a paper on Some of the Varieties of Morbid Impulse and Perverted Instinct. Dr. Maudsley criticises recent works of Metaphysics, and especially the writings of Mill and Comte, and Sir William Hamilton. Dr. Williams, late of the Northampton Lunatic Asylum, gives cases to shew the Use of Digitalis in the Treatment of Acute Mania.

**IN THE LAST NUMBER OF THE ROYAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL REPORTS**, Mr. Bowman contributes some Ophthalmic Miscellanies; Mr. Hulke, Cases of Neuro-Retinitis, associated with Kidney Disease; Mr. Hart, a Note on Intermittent Glaucoma; Mr. Hutchinson continues his papers on the Effects of Injuries to the Fifth Nerve, on the Nutrition of the Eye-ball, etc., and on Inflammation of the Optic Nerve. He also gives Cases of Cancer of the Eye producing Glaucoma. Mr. Lawson gives Cases of Sympathetic Ophthalmia; and of Treatment of Pterygium by Transplantation. Dr. Hughlings Jackson continues his Observations on Defects of Sight in Diseases of the Nervous System. Next follows a Lecture by Mr. Streetfeild, on Posterior Staphyloma.

**THE ARMY AND NAVY COMMITTEE.**—Sir: It is satisfactory to learn that you do not put faith in the rumour, that no advantage will result from the labours of the Committee; but it may not be out of place to mention, that anxiety is felt lest a plentiful supply of candidates should be obtained at the approaching examination in anticipation of improvements, and that, in that case, the recommendations of the Committee may be set aside.

We have, on previous occasions, seen how the Irish schools have supplied candidates freely when there have been less grounds for hope of improvement in the condition of the Medical Departments; and we are, I fancy, justified in doubting the probability of any change for the better, if the urgent requirements of the service can be supplied without.

I am, etc., NIL TEMERE CREDIDIS.

**LOCAL ANÆSTHESIA BY CHLOROFORM.**—Sir: In your notice last week on Dr. Richardson's new method of producing local anæsthesia, there is a slight error which we would like to correct, if you give us permission. You say Dr. Richardson uses a Siegle's apparatus, somewhat modified. This is an error. The mechanical principle applied by Dr. Richardson is new in the form of the apparatus employed, and is entirely his own.

As some confusion exists in regard to the spray-apparatus, we would like to take this opportunity of putting the subject clearly forward. The instrument called Siegle's inhalation-apparatus is, in fact, Bergson's tube worked by a steam-jet. Siegle did not invent the tube, but simply shewed that the spray can be continuously produced by steam evolved from a small boiler. Next, there is Bergson's tube, worked by the handball-bellows, first suggested to us by Dr. Andrew Clark. Lastly, there is Dr. Richardson's instrument, which differs from the above named instruments.

When Dr. Richardson asked us, in June last year, to carry out the design he had in view of producing local anæsthesia, he began with Bergson's tube, thinking it was Siegle's; and hence the reason why he calls it Siegle's tube in his paper. In a little time he found that the tube did not answer his purpose; it did not produce a sufficient degree of coldness without using ice and salt to chill the ether; and it did not allow the spray to be carried more than a few inches from the ether-bottle, so that it was very inconvenient. He spent several months meeting this difficulty, and we made for him four instruments of various forms without success. He then changed this principle altogether, by using pressure instead of suction—constituting, in fact, a new instrument.

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We have thought it due to Dr. Richardson to make this explanation. We are, etc., KROHNE and SESEMANN.

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