

at Manchester, where the hospitals have the advantage of the country air. Now what was the reason of this enormous difference? Simply, that while in the Paris wards there are as many as 80 beds, there are only 12 in the London ones.

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY.....Royal Free, 2 P.M.—Metropolitan Free, 2 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.—Royal Orthopaedic, 2 P.M.
 THURSDAY.....St. George's, 1 P.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 1 P.M.—London, 1:30 P.M.—Great Northern, 2 P.M.—London Surgical Home, 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.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY. Geographical, 8 P.M.—Entomological, 8 P.M. (Anniversary)—Institute of Actuaries, 7 P.M.—Medical Society of London, 8.30 P.M.: Clinical Discussion.
 TUESDAY. Royal Medical and Chirurgical, 8.30 P.M.: Mr. Sidney Ringer, "On the Temperature, Urea, etc., in Scarlet Fever"; Mr. Ernest Hart, "On Treatment of Aneurism by Flexion"; Civil Engineers, 8 P.M.—Zoological, 9 P.M.
 WEDNESDAY. Society of Arts, 8 P.M.
 THURSDAY. Royal, 8.30 P.M.—Antiquaries, 8.30 P.M.
 FRIDAY. Royal Institution, 8 P.M.
 SATURDAY. Army Medical, 7.30 P.M.—Christian Medical Association, Freemasons' Hall, 8 P.M.

POPULATION STATISTICS AND METEOROLOGY OF LONDON—JANUARY 18, 1862.

[From the Registrar-General's Report.]

		Births.	Deaths.
During week.....	{ Boys...1007 Girls... 989 }	1906	1301
Average of corresponding weeks 1852-61	1890	1439	
Barometer:			
Highest (Sat.) 29.034; lowest (Tu.) 29.497; mean 29.747.			
Thermometer:			
Highest in sun—extremes (Sat.) 75 degs.; (Tu. and Wed.) 48 degs. In shade—highest (Sun.) 48 degrees; lowest (Sat.) 22 degs.			
Mean—35 degrees; difference from mean of 43 yrs.—0.7 deg.			
Range—during week, 26 degrees; mean daily, 9.6 degrees.			
Mean humidity of air (saturation=100), 82.			
Mean direction of wind, S.W. and S.E.—Rain in inches, 0.19.			

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.

FELLOWS OR MEMBERS?—SIR: "Chirurgus" wishes to know, out of curiosity, whether there is any particular rule under which the members of new medical societies take their title. And he objects, in particular, to the title of *Fellow* conferred by the Obstetrical Society on its members. And you express the opinion, that the Society in question may have committed an incongruous act in so calling its members "Fellows." Surely, it cannot be "incongruous" in a member of a *Society* being styled a *Socius* or *Fellow*. A *Society* is necessarily composed of a number of parts, each of which is a *Socius*. In fact, the word "Society" is derived from the word "Socius." The title *Fellow* is, therefore, in reality the only *congruous* title. I am, etc.,

R. UVEDALE WEST, M.D.,

Fellow and Vice-President of the Obstetrical Society.
 Alford, Lincolnshire, January 18th, 1862.

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DE. STEWART AND MR. BROWN.—A correspondent writes:—The *Lancet* of the 18th instant, boasts that, being "actuated by a spirit of fair play", it "cautiously refrained from making any *ex parte* statements" in reference to the matter in dispute between Dr. Stewart and Mr. I. B. Brown. Now, as a specimen of this fair play, I beg you to note that in Notices to Correspondents of the 4th instant, the *Lancet* blames (an *ex parte* statement) Dr. Stewart in these terms:—"As Mr. Brown offered in the first instance to submit the case to arbitration, we think Dr. Stewart was in common fairness bound to accede to that offer." And again, in this very number of the *Lancet* which boasts of fair play, we read another hit *ex parte* at Dr. Stewart:—"Dr. Stewart submitted to arbitration, or, at all events, to inquiry, at the expiration of nearly three-quarters of a year." Is this *Lancet* impartiality?

We have received the following from Professor Williamson, referring to a note of his published in last week's JOURNAL.

"Manchester, January 21st, 1862.

"SIR,—I observe that in your last number of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, at the request of some person unnamed, you have published, not a circular, but a *private* communication, which I have lately sent to some of my patients.

"Threatened serious indisposition having made certain temporary changes in my arrangements necessary, it became requisite that those habitually under my professional care should be informed of them. The note sent (lithographed merely because of the number required) was *entirely confined to these private patients*.

"Under such circumstances, will you state your reasons for allowing an obviously offensive publication of the same.

"I am, sir, yours truly,

"W. C. WILLIAMSON, F.R.S."

[If Professor Williamson considers that it is consistent with standard notions of professional etiquette to issue to his private patients a lithographed communication of the nature here referred to, he cannot surely object to the fact of its publication to the profession. We were requested to publish it by those who did not approve it; and we published it because, we must candidly confess, we agreed in their disapproval of it. A lithographed letter addressed by a medical man to his patients cannot be considered a *private* communication. His private patients are, in fact, the public. The very fact of a copy of the letter being sent to us, shows how little there is of "private" in it. EDITOR.]

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from:—Dr. WILLIAM HINDS; Mr. J. H. HOUGHTON; Dr. T. H. BARKER; PROFESSOR WILLIAMSON; DR. BREE; DR. GRAILY HEWITT; DR. HANDFIELD JONES; DR. ROUTH; MR. S. BANNER; MR. BARTER; MR. HENRY LEE; DR. WADHAM; MR. C. H. MOORE; MR. DUNN; M. C. POUPINEL DE VALENCE; MR. J. A. BOLTON; DR. LIONEL BEALE; THE REGISTRAR OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON; MR. G. BODINGTON; THE SECRETARY OF THE JUNIOR MEDICAL SOCIETY; and MR. I. B. BROWN.

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