

fistula cases, put well and deeply under chloroform, this month were operated on in a new method, much simpler than that of Dr. Sims. In very bad cases ether, as safer, is now used along with chloroform—Dr. Kidd assisted with the latter. Dr. Koepl and M. Nélaton both stated that such perfect examination and control over the fistulous openings, and such success in the operative procedure, were quite unknown in France or Belgium. (*Dublin Med. Press.*)

Varieties.

DEATHS FROM AMPUTATION. Maligne states that of 100 persons operated on, 56 die in Paris, and 30 in London. In amputations for pathological causes, as amputation of the thigh, there are 60 per cent. deaths in Paris, 21 in London, and 19 in Massachusetts. (*Amer. Med. Times.*)

A MEDICAL BARONET. After the battle of Waterloo, Sir James McGrigor was asked by Lord Castlereagh what he considered his services entitled him to. "Three pounds a day and a baronetcy," he replied. The three pounds were readily given, but the baronetcy stuck; he accepted the honour of knighthood as a snack, and sixteen years afterwards he got what he had asked for. He was, we believe, the first military surgeon ever raised to that rank. (*Austr. Med. Rec.*)

SIMILIA SIMILIBUS. M. Rigoden, taking as a basis of treatment the experiments of Dumas and Bernard, by which they have proved that sugar in the economy is indispensable to life, thinks that it is rational to give sugar in diabetes, as patients suffering from this malady lose large quantities of it. By depriving these patients of fecular sugar, they must be made worse, for they are deprived of the means of making up for saccharine losses. M. Rigoden, therefore, allows a diet, in which sugar-yielding substances play a great part; but as he also gives Vichy water, the cases are not so conclusive as might be wished.

CHLOROFORM SOLUTION OF GUTTA PERCHA. Take of gutta percha, in small slices, an ounce and a half; chloroform, twelve fluidounces; carbonate of lead, in fine powder, two ounces. To eight fluidounces of chloroform contained in a bottle, add the gutta percha, and shake occasionally till it is dissolved; then add the carbonate of lead, previously mixed smoothly with the remainder of the chloroform, and having shaken the whole thoroughly together, several times at intervals of half an hour, set the mixture aside and let it stand for ten days, or until the insoluble matter has subsided and the solution has become limpid, and either colourless or of a light straw colour. Lastly, decant, and keep the solution in a glass stoppered bottle. (*American Journal of Pharmacy.*)

POPULATION STATISTICS AND METEOROLOGY OF LONDON—FEBRUARY 3, 1862.

[From the Registrar-General's Report.]

| | | Births. | Deaths. |
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| During week..... | | { Boys...1007 | 2020 |
| | | { Girls...1013 | 1492 |
| Average of corresponding weeks 1852-61 | | | 1969 |
| | | | 1414 |
| Barometer: | | | |
| Highest (Sun.) 30.132; lowest (Th.) 29.553; mean 29.772. | | | |
| Thermometer: | | | |
| Highest in sun—extremes (Sun.) 81 degs.; (Th.) 53 degs. | | | |
| In shade—highest (Fri.) 55 degrees; lowest (Sun.) 31.5 degs. | | | |
| Mean—45.8 degrees; difference from mean of 43 yrs.+8 degs. | | | |
| Range—during week, 28.5 degrees; mean daily, 10.1 degrees. | | | |
| Mean humidity of air (saturation=100), 87. | | | |
| Mean direction of wind, S.W. and W.—Rain in inches, 0.53. | | | |

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY..... Royal Free, 2 P.M.—Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's for Fistula and other Diseases of the Rectum, 1.15 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, 8.30 P.M.—Medical, 8.30 P.M. Lettsomian Lecture. Mr. H. Thompson, "Lithotomy: the several methods which are adopted at the present day for the Male Subject."
TUESDAY. Royal Medical and Chirurgical, 8.30 P.M.—Civil Engineers, 8 P.M.—Zoological, 9 P.M.—Syrro-Egyptian, 7.30 P.M.
WEDNESDAY. Society of Arts, 8 P.M.—Graphic, 8 P.M.—Microscopical, 8 P.M. (Anniversary).—North London Medical, 8 P.M.—Royal Society of Literature, 8.30 P.M.—Archæological Association, 8.30 P.M.
THURSDAY. Royal, 8.30 P.M.—Harveian, 8 P.M.—Antiquaries, 8.30 P.M.—Philological, 8 P.M.
FRIDAY. Astronomical, 8 P.M. (Anniversary).—Royal Institution, 8 P.M.
SATURDAY. Asiatic, 3 P.M.

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

M. E. S.—We have already some papers prepared on the subject of Spectrum Analysis; these will shortly appear.

G.—A medical man may honourably introduce a brother practitioner to his patients as successor to his practice. If he be unwell or otherwise unable to give a personal introduction, we see no reason why he should not introduce his successor, as proposed by G.; of course, the introduction being limited solely to his own circle of patients.

MR. G. BODINGTON will, we hope, excuse us for not publishing his clever letter. It would necessarily elicit a rejoinder; and it is hardly worth while to discuss further an opinion which is only held by a solitary authority.

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from:—Dr. GRAILY HEWITT; Dr. J. O. McWILLIAM; Dr. J. BARCLAY; Dr. HYDE SALTER; P. H. E. D.; Mr. W. J. HARRIS; Dr. CALLOW; EARNEST PROTEST; Mr. G. BODINGTON; G.; Dr. D. NOBLE; Mr. A. B. STEELE; Mr. J. F. NICHOLSON; Mr. J. HUCHINSON; Mr. J. ADAMSON; Mr. J. MORGAN; Dr. ALTHAUS; Mr. R. DUNN; THE REGISTRAR OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON; Mr. T. M. STONE; and Mr. W. COPNEY.

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