

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE
NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY. British Architects, 8 P.M.
TUESDAY. Ethnological, 8 P.M.—Statistical, 8 P.M.
WEDNESDAY. Meteorological (Anniversary), 7 P.M.—Geological, 8 P.M.
THURSDAY. Zoological, 4 P.M.—Royal, 8.30 P.M.—Antiquaries, 8.30 P.M.—Linnean, 8 P.M.—Chemical, 8 P.M.—Numismatic (Anniversary), 7 P.M.
SATURDAY. Asiatic, 3 P.M.

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.

RECOVERIES IN LUNATIC ASYLUMS.—SIR: My attention has been directed to a quotation from a report of Dr. Power, of the Cork Lunatic Asylum, contained in your number for May 24th last; *apropos* of which, you have offered some editorial remarks on the Turkish Bath. Dr. Power states that he obtained last year seventy-six per cent. of cures during the employment of that remedy; and he proceeds to say that this percentage is "more than double the number of cures produced in any asylum in England."

The quotation I have given, contains a *prima facie* adventurous assertion, which I cannot permit to pass without criticism. In the Prestwich Asylum during the past year, the recoveries (fifty-two per cent. on the admissions) have a little exceeded the average of the previous seven years, which amounted to fifty per cent.

I have little doubt that many other English asylums would furnish notable exceptions to the comprehensive statement of the resident physician of the Cork Asylum.

I am, etc., EDMUND MANLEY, M.B.LOND.
Prestwich County Asylum, June 6th, 1862.

ANÆSTHESIA IN MIDWIFERY.—SIR: In the report of the meeting of the Obstetrical Society of London, on May 7th, in the last number of the JOURNAL, it is stated that Dr. Priestley considered my apparatus for inhaling chloroform "too fragile" for the purpose. Allow me to state that, when Dr. Priestley said so, he had not handled the instrument, but only seen it at a distance. Let me add, that what he did see, was an instrument of my own rude construction, which, unfortunately, had met with an accident just before showing it to the Society. I can testify, from considerable clinical experience, that the apparatus will stand with impunity the roughest usage it is ever likely to meet. It saves from sixty to seventy per cent. of chloroform. I regret exceedingly that I was unable to comply with the request of the Secretary of the Society, to send him an abstract of my paper in time for the weekly medical press; let me trust, however, that I am not too late to state that Messrs. Maw and Son, of 11, Aldersgate Street, London, have made the inhaler and drop-tube to my entire satisfaction, if they have not greatly improved upon the original. Specimens may be seen at their establishment, as also in their cases at the International Exhibition, Kensington; prices from 7s. 6d. to 10s. 6d. complete. The inhaler for carrying inside the hat does great credit to the ingenuity of Messrs. Maw and Son.

I am, etc., THOMAS SKINNER, M.D.
1, St. James' Road, Liverpool, June 3rd, 1862.

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Gentlemen,—A Vacancy having occurred in the office of Coroner for Middlesex, by the death of Mr. WAKLEY, I have been requested to stand for the Central District. A member of the Medical Profession, and engaged for the last twenty-five years of my life in studying and treating those sciences the principles of which are necessarily involved in the performance of the duties of a Coroner, I have determined to solicit the suffrages of the Freeholders of Central Middlesex; but it is to you who have known me, and deem it a matter of public duty that a Medical Coroner should be appointed, that I look for success. If each medical man will undertake to exert himself to obtain the votes of Freeholders in his own district, then my election is certain.

I am, Gentlemen, your most obedient Servant,
EDWIN LANKESTER, M.D., F.R.S.

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