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	Royal Orthopædic, 2 P.M.

TUESDAY..... Guy's, 1.30 P.M.—Westminster, 2 P.M.—Royal London Orhthalmic, 11 A.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—West London, 3 P.M.—St. Mark's, 9 A.M.—Cancer Hospital, Brompton,

WEDNESDAY. St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—St. Mary's, 1.30 P.M.—Middlesex, 1 P.M.—University College, 2 P.M.—London, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Great Northern, 2 P.M.—Samaritan Free Hospital for Women and Children, 2.30 P.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—St. Thomas's, 1.30 P.M.—St. Peter's, 2 P.M.—National Orthopædic, 10 A.M.

THURSDAY... St. George's, I.P.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, I.P.M.—Charing Cross, 2.P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, II.P.M.—Hospital for Diseases of the Throat, 2.P.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, I.30.P.M.—Hospital for Women, 2.P.M.—London, 2.P.M.—Northwest London, 2.30.P.M.

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LACTIC ACID IN PHTHISIS.

SIR,—I have just read the report of a discussion in the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Edinburgh on a paper by Dr. Carrick of Str Petersburg on Koumiss in Phthisis and other Wasting Discases; and I should like to know whether lactic acid is present in koumiss, and, if so, in what pruportion? I ask this question because I have been struck by the observation that, in some cases where there was a strong handless are discossition to phthisis, acute rheumatism had supervious early the have been struck by the observation that, in some cases were there was a strong hereditary predisposition to phthisis, acute rheumatism had supervened early in life, and by middle age phthisis had not yet appeared. Besides, I understand that in Madras, for example, there is a large proportion of rheumatism to a comparatively smaller proportion of phthisis. May there not, then, exist some degree of antagonism between these diseases? and is there not in the latter a deficiency of the

antagonism between these diseases? and is there not in the latter a deficiency of the lactic acid poison of the former?

On the 5th of June last, I administered ten minims of lactic acid thrice a day to a patient who had a vomica in the apex of the right lung, and the left apex had a deposit of tubercle. On the 11th, the patient expressed herself as feeling better, but she complained of rheumatic pains in her joints for about two hours after each dose, and this in the absence of being informed as to any effect to be produced. Another patient to whom I gave the acid stated that it relieved her cough more than anything else she had. Both thought the acid very agreeable as a thirst-ouencher.

quencher.

I should, then, be glad of some light upon the point whether koumiss in phthisis, as in diabetes, benefits in part, at least, by its containing lactic acid.—I am, etc.,

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