

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY..... Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—Royal Orthopædic, 2 P.M.

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

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.—Hospital for Diseases of the Throat, 2 P.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—Hospital for Women, 2 P.M.—London, 2 P.M.—North-west London, 2.30 P.M.

THURSDAY.... St. George's, 1 P.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 1 P.M.—Charing Cross, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 P.M.—Hospital for Diseases of the Throat, 2 P.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—Hospital for Women, 2 P.M.—London, 2 P.M.—North-west London, 2.30 P.M.

FRIDAY..... King's College, 2 P.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 2 P.M.—Royal South London Ophthalmic, 2 P.M.—Guy's, 1.30 P.M.—St. Thomas's (Ophthalmic Department), 2 P.M.—East London Hospital for Children, 2 P.M.

SATURDAY.... St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—King's College, 1 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—St. Thomas's, 1.30 P.M.—Royal Free, 9 A.M. and 2 P.M.—London, 2 P.M.

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KING'S COLLEGE.—Medical, daily, 2; Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. Th. S., 2; o.p., M. W. F., 12.30; Eye, M. Th., 1; Ophthalmic Department, W., 1; Ear, Th., 2; Skin, Th., 3; Throat, Th., 3; Dental, Tu. F., 10.

LONDON.—Medical, daily exc. S., 2; Surgical, daily, 1.30 and 2; Obstetric, M. Th., 1.30; o.p., W. S., 1.30; Eye, W. S., 9; Ear, S., 9.30; Skin, W., 9; Dental, Tu., 9.

MIDDLESEX.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.30; o.p., W. S., 1.30; Eye, W. S., 8.30; Ear and Throat, Tu., 9; Skin, F., 4; Dental, daily, 9.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. Th. S., 2; o.p., W. S., 9; Eye, Tu. W. Th. S., 2; Ear, M., 2.30; Skin, F., 1.30; Larynx, W., 11.30; Orthopædic, F., 12.30; Dental, Tu. F., 9.

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WESTMINSTER.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. F., 3; Eye, M. Th., 2.30; Ear, Tu. F., 9; Skin, Th., 1; Dental, W. S., 9.15.

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SEVERAL letters and other communications are unavoidably deferred till next week.

THE TITLE OF DOCTOR.

SIR,—I am glad to observe that one or more of your recent correspondents have approached the *fons et origo* of the practice so much debated. It arises, without doubt, from the absurd custom, universally prevalent, of calling a medical man a "doctor", and his profession "doctoring"; and hence the wish of many medical and surgical licentiates to be styled "Doctor", in preference to the honourable and significant titles conferred by their college after examination. The question is not whether the licentiate of a College of Surgeons or Physicians is a more learned man than one who has graduated in Medicine at an University, but whether it is right and honourable for the former to assume a title not conferred upon him. If a man deem it so important to be called "Doctor", no law can hinder him from doing as his neighbour did, viz., passing the prescribed examination (whether easy or difficult) for the degree of Doctor of Medicine. A Master of Arts in holy orders might as reasonably call himself a Doctor of Divinity; a regimental captain a colonel; or a doctor a professor. All these, and many other assumptions might be defended by the same class of arguments as are used. We have dancing professors, "Salvation" generals and captains, bone-doctors, etc., but these are all outside the professions whose style and titles they simulate.

It should be borne in mind that the cognomen of Doctor, as applied by the public to a non-graduate medical practitioner, is not that of "Doctor of Medicine", but the vulgar misnomer applied to quacks as well as to regular practitioners. Were the profession to persistently set its face against the gross misuse of terms, this application of the word would soon cease to be significant of educated registered practitioners, and the long and often acrimonious controversy be ended by the triumph of common sense. The time-honoured designations of Physician, Surgeon, and General Practitioner are sufficiently descriptive and euphonious, without the adoption of an illiterate term, which arose when the Doctor of Physic of the Universities of Europe was looked up to as the most skillful and learned healer, and the leech, the barber-surgeon, and the apothecary were but the executive of his prescriptions.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

ANGLO-SCOTUS.

SIR,—I was much pleased to read the letter in our JOURNAL of Saturday last by Dr. Leslie Maturin. Though the idea which he has suggested has not hitherto entered into the discussion with regard to the title of Doctor as a term being in general usage as applied to all medical men, I have long entertained such an idea, and found it here to be all but universal in practice. It goes further here, and every druggist or any other person who quacks is dubbed with the title of Doctor. I would certainly not go so far, however, as to place Doctor on the door-plate unless honestly entitled to M.D. I wish to inform Dr. Maturin and others, and which he has not perhaps observed, that amongst another class, and that one of highly educated and intelligent gentlemen, namely, military officers, all the medical staff, including army, militia, yeomanry, and volunteers, are invariably called Doctors, as, for instance, "Where is the Doctor?" "Go and tell the Doctor he is wanted", etc. It is both courteous and convenient.—I have the honour to be, sir, your most obedient servant.

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