

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 Orthopaedic, 2 P.M.—Hospital for Women, 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.—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 Orthopaedic, 10 A.M.

THURSDAY......St. George's, 1 P.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 1 P.M.—Charing Cross, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.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.

HOURS OF ATTENDANCE AT THE LONDON HOSPITALS.

CHARGING CROSS.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1; Obstetric, Tu, F., 1.30; Skin, M. Th.; Dental, M. W. F., 9.30.

GUY'S.—Medical and Surgical, daily, exc. Tu, 1.30; Obstetric, M. W. F., 1.30; Eye, M. W., 1.30; Tu, F., 12.30; Ear, Tu, F., 12.30; Skin, Tu, 12.30; Dental, Tu, Th, F., 12.

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, 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, Th, 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; Orthopaedic, F., 12.30; Dental, Tu, F., 9.

ST. GEORGE'S.—Medical and Surgical, M. Tu, F. S., 1; Obstetric, Tu, S., 1; o.p., Th, 2; Eye, W. S., 2; Ear, Tu, 2; Skin, Th, 1; Throat, M., 2; Orthopaedic, W., 2; Dental, Tu, S., 9; Th., 1.

ST. MARY'S.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.45; Obstetric, Tu, F., 9.30; o.p., Tu, F., 2; Eye, Tu, F. 9.15; Ear, M. Th., 2; Skin, Tu, Th., 1.30; Throat, M. Th., 1.45; Dental, W. S., 9.30.

ST. THOMAS'S.—Medical and Surgical, daily, except Sat., 2; Obstetric, M. Th., 2, o.p., W. F., 12.30; Eye, M. Th., 2; o.p., daily, except Sat., 1.30; Ear, Tu, 12.30; Skin, Th, 12.30; Throat, Tu, 12.30; Children, S., 12.30; Dental, Tu, F., 10.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1 to 2; Obstetric, M. Tu, Th, F., 1.30; Eye, M. Tu, Th, F., 2; Ear, S., 1.30; Skin, W., 1.45; S., 9.15; Throat, Th., 2.30; Dental, W., 10.30.

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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SIR,—I should esteem it a very great favour if "Caution" and some other correspondents whose cognomen I do not now remember would tell us the name of the company to which they subscribe towards weekly allowance in case of sickness. One correspondent (I noticed) said he actually did at the present time belong to such a society.

In writing about "provident clubs," I think we lose sight of one very important thing, viz., that the society about to be formed should be for weekly allowance in case of sickness only (and not connected with accidents or death), and for no other object. In this case, the annual premium would be small. There are a host of accidental insurance companies in which to insure in case of accident. There are a number of societies in which to insure in case of death. We do not want these objects amalgamated with our society. But a society in which we can insure for weekly allowance in case of illness only, and for no other object, we do want. I am sure a great many more would join this "Medical Provident Society" if it were started on this basis.

—Yours truly,

Vernham, New Malden

EDWIN CHILD.

MR. T. J. EKin.—1. The Matriculation Examination of the Royal University of Ireland is recognised by the General Medical Council as a Preliminary Examination. 2. Some of the most important and indispensable courses of instruction are given in many schools between 11 and 1; but our correspondent might, by examining the tables given in the present number, perhaps find a school which would suit his circumstances. We consider, however, that a student of medicine should not be engaged in other occupations. 3. The cost of the licences referred to can be worked out from the statements given in the present number of the JOURNAL.

DETERMINATION OF SEX.

SIR,—In answer to "M.D." on page 456 of last week's JOURNAL, I have read that fecundation taking place midway between the menstrual periods produces female offspring. My last two children are girls; and I have reason to believe that impregnation took place in the one case two weeks, and in the other three weeks, after the end of menstruation.—Yours, etc.,

M.B. LOND.

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