

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY.....	Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's for Fistula and other Diseases of the Rectum, 1.15 P.M.—Samaritan, 2.30 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.—London, 2 P.M.
THURSDAY.....	St. George's, 1 P.M.—Central London Ophthalmic 1 P.M.—Great Northern, 2 P.M.—London Surgical Home, 2 P.M.—Royal Orthopædic, 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.—Lock, Clinical Demonstration and Operations, 1 P.M.—Royal Free, 1.30 P.M.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

TUESDAY. Ethnological Society.
THURSDAY. Zoological Society.

POPULATION STATISTICS AND METEOROLOGY OF LONDON—JULY 4, 1863.

[From the Registrar-General's Report.]

	Births.	Deaths.
During week.....	{ Boys... 995 } { Girls... 942 }	1937 1187
Average of corresponding weeks 1853-62	1728	1142
Barometer:		
Highest (Sat.) 30.117; lowest (Sun.) 29.784; mean, 29.973.		
Thermometer:		
Highest in sun—extremes (Wed.) 111 degs.; (Fri.) 96.6 degs.		
In shade—highest (Fri.) 74.9 degs.; lowest (Wed.) 45.5 degs.		
Mean—59.4 degrees; difference from mean of 43 yrs.—2 degs.		
Range—during week, 28.7 degrees; mean daily, 22.3 degrees.		
Mean humidity of air (saturation=100), 70.		
Mean direction of wind, W.S.W.—Rain in inches, 0.00.		

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.

THERAPEUTICAL INQUIRY. No. III. OIL OF MALE-FERN IN TAPEWORM.—Dr. Fleming has received schedules from:—Dr. C. R. Bree, Colchester; Dr. W. Anderson, Birmingham; W. J. Harris, Esq., Worthing; Dr. Charles Barham, Truro; William Sankey, Esq., Dover; Dr. Arthur Ransome, Manchester; John Cornbill, Esq., Birmingham; John R. Humphreys, Esq., Shrewsbury; A. G. Osborn, Esq., Northampton; J. Kent Spender, Esq., Bath. Temple Row, Birmingham, July 2nd, 1863.

PHYSICIANS' FEES.—SIR: In reference to the correspondence between Dr. Vose of Liverpool and the executors of the late Mr. Grant, animadverted on in your last number, I feel called on to state:—

1. That I knew nothing whatever of this case and correspondence, till a printed copy of the latter reached me a few days ago by post.

2. That the introduction of my name into that correspondence has been not only without my authority but without my knowledge.

3. That the "tariff" to which I alluded in my private correspondence with Sir Thomas Gladstone, in 1852, had reference to visits moderately "distant" from town, and would not apply to such special services as those of Dr. Vose, in the case now in question. I am, etc., JAMES MILLER.

29, Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, July 6th, 1863.

[Professor Miller's statement is fully confirmed by other correspondence which we have received from Edinburgh. We are assured that the tariff of fees which Sir T. Gladstone stated in his correspondence with Dr. Vose to have been given him by Mr. Miller of Edinburgh, as the established medical fees for journeys in Scotland, is not the tariff accepted by the physicians and surgeons of Edinburgh. Sir T. Gladstone made an egregious blunder in reference to the fee of Dr. Latham; and, as it appears, he has also made a similar blunder in reference to the Scotch scale of fees. EDITOR.]

SIR,—The fee paid to Professor Miller by Sir T. Gladstone is not regarded here as the proper fee of a consultant of the highest standing for a country visit. It is undeniable that the fee he got for his visit to Fasque was ridiculously small, and can only be accounted for by the delicacy that he and almost every one similarly circumstanced must frequently have felt in positively stating the amount—and there can be no doubt that on the occasion referred to by Sir Thomas Gladstone (even on Sir Thomas's own showing), he must have been taken very sharply at his word. And, surely, the Professor's name must have been used on this occasion without his sanction having been previously obtained or the circumstances of the case fully explained. At all events, from ample knowledge and some personal experience, I am justified in saying that I know no one here who, with any pretensions to position, would not (except for benevolent reasons) regard £30 for the greater part of two days' absence from Edinburgh as a very insulting honorarium.

There can be no doubt that, in the case of a distant country visit, there ought not to be any fixed fee. Every man should be allowed to name his own estimate; and if the patient's friends reckon it too high, they can decline his services. If they have not made the requisite previous inquiry, Dr. Watson's view is the correct one—they should pay freely and fully what is asked.

It is undeniable that most physicians in considerable practice would rather not leave home, and generally sacrifice much when they do; and it is too much to expect that when they do, they are to be paid in a ratio not much above their domestic receipts.

It is quite refreshing to see how actively and energetically you have taken up the cause of professional fraternity, and how entirely your brother journalists have joined with you on this occasion. Dr. Vose's fee may have been either too high or too low; as to that people may differ. But there can be no doubt or question among medical brethren that the various offers of the trustees were unbecoming him to accept; and we should be all grateful to him for rather surrendering all claim to remuneration than his right as an independent physician to insist on what he considered his due. I am, etc., F.R.C.P.E.

Edinburgh, July 6th, 1863.

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from:—MR. BENJAMIN STARR; DR. FLEMING; DR. LATHAM; DR. W. P. STIFF; MR. S. W. FEARNS; DR. J. B. PITT; DR. COPEMAN; DR. DURRANT; DR. HYDE SALTER; MR. R. MARTIN; MR. T. W. CROSSE; DR. RANKING; MR. W. EDDOWES; DR. BREE; DR. H. GOODE; MR. W. ADAMS; MR. J. Z. LAURENCE; F.R.C.S.; MR. HIGGINBOTTOM; MR. GEORGE POUND; MR. MILLER; MR. J. D. HARRIES; F.R.C.P.E.; COMMON SENSE; MR. C. H. ROPER; MR. J. W. BAKER; MR. C. P. COLLYNS; and R. W.

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DAVID MALINS, Jun., Secretary.
Board Room, June 19th, 1863.

The Queen's Hospital, Birmingham.

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Candidates are required to forward their Qualifications and Testimonials, under cover, to the Secretary, at the Hospital, on or before Tuesday, the 21st of July.

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