

they belong, who pay 55 cents per day; a class of private patients who pay 40 cents per day; and a superior class, who have better accommodations, and who pay 88 cents. In the court-yards are nine cisterns, for rain-water, and one artesian well. This is forty-five *metres* deep, and the water has a taste of sulphuretted hydrogen. Children under seven occupy the basement, which struck me as very damp and unhealthy. The little patients all had a miserable, pale, sad, and sickly look. The apothecary apartment, as in all Italian hospitals, was on a large and splendid scale, and admirably managed. The buildings are of two stories, and the whole thrown into large wards, one of which was devoted to cases of pellagra. All were extremely clean, quiet, and well ventilated." (*Lee.*)

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.
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FRIDAY.....Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.
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MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY. Royal Botanical Society (Anniversary).

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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CORRESPONDENTS, who wish notice to be taken of their communications, should authenticate them with their names—of course not necessarily for publication.

A QUESTION OF ETIQUETTE.—SIR: May I ask the favour of your opinion upon the following case?

C. D., a physician in a county town, is medical superintendent of a railway there. His duties are—"To visit immediately any persons who may be injured on the line. To provide surgical assistance for any one requiring it. To give pecuniary assistance to such persons as are prevented from following their employment, and are too poor to keep themselves. And to note carefully the character, etc., of the injuries, so as to prevent the company being imposed upon."

An accident happened on Friday afternoon. Two persons injured in it were removed to their homes in a country village by the next train. The village surgeon (A. B.) was sent for, and saw them. The next morning, a telegraph from the company's secretary informed C. D. of their names and address, and requested him to see them forthwith. He called, announced his name and reason for calling, asked permission to see the patients, went upstairs, and was then informed by the patients themselves that A. B. was in attendance. C. D. made a cursory examination; said he would not, of course, interfere with the treatment: received from the patients an intimation of cordial thanks; and immediately called upon A. B., to ask him to appoint a consultation for another day. It will be observed that C. D. was in entire ignorance of the attendance of A. B. until it was told to him by the patients themselves; that his visit then ceased to be medical, and was purely ministerial, to obtain information for the company, his employers; and that he took the earliest possible opportunity of communicating with A. B., and that he would not, until after such communication, give any medical opinion as to either the nature or the treatment of the case.

A. B. says C. D.'s conduct was "irregular." C. D. contends that it was strictly professional; could not have had any other course; and was fair and courteous to A. B.

July 25th, 1863.

I am, etc.,

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[Our opinion is, that in a case of this kind, C. D., having discovered that the patients were under the charge of A. B., should not have visited them further without the consent and knowledge of A. B. As the case is one of some general importance, we will give our reasons for this opinion in an early number of the JOURNAL. EDITOR.]

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from:—Mr. AUGUSTIN PRICHARD; Dr. REYNOLDS; Mr. WM. OWEN; Mr. T. M. STONE; Mr. GASCOYNE; Mr. CROSSE; Mr. G. W. HASTINGS; Mr. HENRY LEE; Dr. W. NEWMAN; Dr. W. BUDD; Mr. JAMES DULVEY; and Dr. J. A. SYMONDS.

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