

old age, and dying easily and quietly at last, in the very hottest part of the interior of India. It is only when combined with other influences that heat is perilous and fatal, and the two other conditions which, in conjunction with heat, create the tremendous mortality of India are actually within our own power. The peculiar mortality, then, is needless; the health of our troops and of our fellow-citizens there, English and native, is in our own power; and we from this moment become answerable for all destruction of life and health in India which may be prevented by means clearly pointed out to us. The two incidents which, together with heat, create the diseases which sweep away the majority of victims are moisture and decaying vegetation. The heat we cannot help. The other two mischiefs we can control; but it must be done in a comprehensive and systematic way. A bit of drainage here and a bit of sweeping there, in such stations as happen to be blessed with a wise commanding officer, will not extinguish the four great diseases—the fevers, the dysentery, the liver complaints, and the cholera—which among them make up the far-famed mortality of India. (*Once a Week.*)

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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 Orthopaedic, 2 P.M.
FRIDAY..... Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.
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POPULATION STATISTICS AND METEOROLOGY OF LONDON—SEPTEMBER 12, 1863.

[From the Registrar-General's Report.]

	Births.	Deaths.
During week.....	{ Boys .. 938 Girls.. 985 }	1923 1257
Average of corresponding weeks 1853-62		1802 1158
Barometer:		
Highest (Sat.) 30.030; lowest (Mon.) 29.548; mean, 29.801.		
Thermometer:		
Highest in sun—extremes (Mon.) 100.6 degs.; (Th.) 84.2 degs.		
In shade—highest (Mon.) 66.6 degs.; lowest (Fri.) 42.3 degs.		
Mean—54.5 degrees; difference from mean of 43 yrs.—3.1 degs.		
Range—during week, 23.3 degrees; mean daily, 17.6 degrees.		
Mean humidity of air (saturation=100), 76.		
Mean direction of wind, S.W.—Rain in inches, 0.93.		

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GOOD ADVICE.—SIR: I know not what the teaching of the schools may be at the present day; but in my time, some forty years ago, it was inculcated as a golden rule, that no ocular inspection of the female organs should be made, except in the presence of a third person. If such a rule was thought necessary in those days, how much more important must it now be when a speculum is in general use!

During a long practice, I have always adhered to this rule myself, and thereby have escaped many dangers; and were it adhered to generally, we should not be disgusted with so many lawsuits, damaging equally to medical reputation and to public decency. Moreover, the tender pressure and lascivious looks of an hysterical girl are very dangerous adjuncts to the use of the speculum; and

cause a degree of temptation to both parties, which no persons, however strong their moral armour, ought willingly to incur. I would therefore most strongly urge upon my brethren the necessity of observing the rule I have mentioned, whereby our profession will be saved from public scandal, and themselves from personal annoyance. I am, etc.,

Westerham, Sept. 1863.

CHAS. M. THOMPSON.

P.S.—Perhaps others may have noticed, as I have done, that hysterical girls are always desirous of having *private* consultation with their medical adviser.

MEDICAL ETHICS PUT IN PRACTICE.—SIR: Not long since, your attention was drawn to a meeting of medical men at Bedford, at which a Medical Ethical Society was formed. The Secretary of the above Society has caused to be distributed in the town large numbers of the enclosed circular. I think, for the benefit of some of the profession who may be commencing practice, the idea might be useful. The gentleman who issues the circular is a M.R.C.S. and L.S.A.

If you could find space in your valuable JOURNAL for the insertion of this list of prices, you would shew the profession the means some men resort to for practice. I am, etc.,

Bedford, Sept. 14th, 1863.

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Birmingham, September 1863.

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