

## 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 Orthopaedic, 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.

MONDAY. Epidemiological Society, 8 P.M. Dr. B. W. Richardson, "On the Present Position and Prospects of Epidemiological Science."—Medical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Mr. De Méric, "Occasional Non-Transmission of Syphilis to the Offspring."  
 TUESDAY. Pathological Society, 8 P.M.—Entomological. — Photographical.  
 WEDNESDAY. Obstetrical Society of London, 8 P.M. Mr. Hardey, "Retroversion of Uterus"; Dr. Braxton Hicks, "On his Method of Turning"; Mr. I. B. Brown, "Vaginal Lithotomy."—Geological.  
 THURSDAY. Harveian Society of London, 8 P.M. Mr. Ernest Hart, "On the Diseases constituting the Condition commonly called Amaurosis (with Ophthalmoscopic Demonstrations)."—Linnæan.—Chemical.  
 FRIDAY. Western Medical and Surgical Society of London, 8 P.M. Practical Evening for the Narration of Cases and the Exhibition of Specimens.  
 SATURDAY. Royal Botanical.

## POPULATION STATISTICS AND METEOROLOGY OF LONDON—OCTOBER 24, 1863.

[From the Registrar-General's Report.]

	Births.	Deaths.
During week.....	{ Boys..1003 Girls.. 948 }	1951 1246
Average of corresponding weeks 1853-62 .....		1889 1158

Barometer:  
 Highest (Fri.) 30.100; lowest (Sun.) 29.886; mean, 29.982.  
 Thermometer:  
 Highest in sun—extremes (Sun.) 91 degs.; (Sat.) 57.3 degs.  
 In shade—highest (Th.) 63.5 degs.; lowest (Sat.) 34 degs.  
 Mean—52.5 degrees; difference from mean of 43 yrs.+3.8 degs.  
 Range—during week, 29.5 degrees; mean daily, 12.9 degrees.  
 Mean humidity of air (saturation=100), 89.  
 Mean direction of wind, S.W. & S.E.—Rain in inches, 0.03.

## 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.

STONEWALL.—An assistant-surgeon in the navy has to go through much the same curriculum as the army assistant-surgeon. He has to produce his license to practise, and also all his certificates. The examinations in anatomy, surgery, medicine, and chemistry, are held at Whitehall. Latin is especially required; translations from Gregory's *Conspicuous* must be satisfactorily given. This is indispensable.

S. M.—The King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland grants the licence to practise physic; and, more than this, they also claim the right under their charter of granting degrees in medicine. If their view of their rights be correct, there is no doubt that their recently made claim of granting degrees, removes their Licentiates from the class of Licentiates who take title of Doctor by courtesy.

THE ASSURANCE OFFICES AGAIN.—A correspondent writes:—"An Assurance Company asks me to examine for them at a half-guinea for sums under £150. I have replied, that if they will give two, three, four, five guineas, for sums up to and above £10,000, I am agreeable, but not otherwise. A second letter has been sent, which gives me no hope of their accepting my terms. Can I accept their terms? There are plenty of my brethren who will take them if I do not. What should be the rule of practice in such a case?"  
 I am, etc., P. A.

[There can be no doubt that P. A.'s offer to the Assurance Company is a fair one. We believe that there are some offices which do a deal of small business in the manufacturing districts, who give a fee of 5s. for the examination in cases of sums assured under £100. The proper mode of settling such a difficulty would be for the office to appoint their examiner, with a fixed annual salary. It seems impossible to lay down any definite rule as to the fees of medical men. We know that, practically, men who call themselves, and in reality are, physicians, take 5s. fees; and that again there are physicians who never touch less than £1:1 fees. It is, therefore, impossible to lay down any definite rule in the case before us. If every doctor would refuse to take less than the good old guinea-fee, we should obtain our rights. EDITOR.]

THE APOTHECARIES' HALL.—SIR: In reading the account of the late "mysterious death of a young girl at Yeovil," I was much surprised at the following remarks, which are alleged to have fallen from Dr. Wybrants, the coroner, during the adjourned inquest (which, however, I should hope is not correct): "That many eminent surgeons—Sir Astley Cooper, Sir Benjamin Brodie, and others—would not degrade themselves by passing the Hall." Perhaps Dr. Wybrants will explain himself more fully, and point out why and wherefore the Hall Licentiates should be regarded as degraded members of the profession?  
 I am, etc., L.S.A.

REGISTRATION OF VACCINATION.—SIR: As the registration of a child's birth is a requirement of the law, and neglect thereof incurs a penalty, it is, I believe, pretty generally attended to. It would, I think, be very easy to procure a registration of vaccination at the same time, for which purpose it might be proper to lengthen the time allowed for registration of birth and vaccination to the end of the third month. By this method, the parents' trouble would be lessened, and a very slight addition made to the registrar's duty, in having to insert in an additional column the letter V, signifying the vaccination. This modification of Mr. Fawcett's plan would also lessen the number of certificates required from the medical man, and would also be a benefit to the party vaccinated in future life, as the register of vaccination as well as birth could be presented in one and the same document.  
 October 20th, 1863. I am, etc., A YORKSHIRE MEMBER.

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