

SAMARITAN HOSPITAL. Two consulting physicians have been appointed to this hospital—Dr. Jenner and Dr. Greenhalgh. It appears to be a wise arrangement to have selected one physician, at least, for the consulting office, who is not a specialist; while one physician-accoucheur must doubtless prove advantageous to the institution.

THE PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY. A deputation of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, consisting of Mr. Sandford (president), Mr. Hills (vice-president), Mr. Hanbury (treasurer), Mr. Squire, Mr. Morson, Mr. Waugh, Mr. Orridge, Dr. Edwards, Mr. Flux (solicitor), and Mr. Bremridge (secretary), have had an interview with the Right Hon. Sir George Grey at the Home Office on the subject of a proposed bill for regulating the qualifications of chemists and druggists.

THE LATE MR. W. J. WICKHAM. During the past week, by permission of the Dean and Chapter, a handsome memorial tablet has been placed within the Cathedral to the memory of the late William John Wickham, Esq., at the cost of many friends, who are unwilling that his eminent services as a medical man, and his many unostentatious acts of kindness should pass away, without some tribute of their love and regard. The following is the inscription:—"In memory of William John Wickham, Esq., F.R.C.S., forty years Surgeon to the Hants County Hospital. He died January 19th, 1864, aged 66 years. Erected by many friends, who deeply lament his loss." In gold letters above the head are the following words. "In a loving and Christian spirit he healed the sick, and comforted the afflicted."

ILLEGALLY KEEPING LUNATICS. At the Central Criminal Court, this week, Sophia Leander surrendered to receive judgment. She was convicted a few sessions back of keeping a house for the reception of lunatics without being duly licensed, but sentence was respite to give the defendant an opportunity of removing the patients from her establishment and complying with the law. Mr. Giffard now informed the court that the defendant still kept on the establishment, and appeared determined to put herself in opposition to the law. She had a number of patients under her charge now. After some discussion, Baron Bramwell said the defendant seemed to have an opinion that she was not infringing the law. He thought that judgment need not be passed, but that having been admonished, she would be allowed to have her recognisances enlarged, to be brought up again for judgment. The defendant was then discharged. Henry Wilkins appeared upon his recognisance to answer a similar charge, and was fined £50.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY. Medical Society of London, 8 P.M.

THURSDAY. Harveian Society of London, 8 P.M. Dr. Graily Hewitt, "On the Inflexions of the Uterus and their Treatment."—Linnæan.—Chemical.

FRIDAY. Western Medical and Surgical Society, 8 P.M. Mr. B. E. Brodhurst, "On Bony Anchylosis."

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from:—Mr. J. Vose Solomon; Mr. T. M. Stone; Dr. Thudichum; THE HONORARY SECRETARIES OF THE WESTERN MEDICAL AND SURGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON; Dr. Chuckerbutty; Dr. C. H. F. Routh; Mr. John H. Gibson; Mr. Clarke; Mr. G. D. R. MacCarthy; Mr. Richard Griffin; Dr. Fitzpatrick; Dr. J. H. Balfour; Mr. Augustin Prichard; Mr. J. Hogg; Mr. W. L. Winterbotham; Mr. W. Davis; Dr. R. Fowler; Mr. J. B. Curgenven; Dr. William Newman; Dr. Kidgell; and Mr. A. Ransome.

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY.....Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's for Fistula and other Diseases of the Rectum, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.

TUESDAY....Guy's, 1½ P.M.—Westminster, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.

WEDNESDAY...St. Mary's, 1 P.M.—Middlesex, 1 P.M.—University College, 2 P.M.—London, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 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 Orthopedic, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.

FRIDAY.....Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.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.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.

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.

S. A.—Mr. Carter had no more to do with throwing open the Provident Fund to the whole profession than had any one of the Directors who voted for the proposal.

ACTING ASSISTANT-SURGEONS.—T. P.—We believe it is quite true that at all events one of this new class of newly-appointed army surgeons has been dismissed the service for drunkenness. We have even heard of one of the "waifs and strays" being found in a beastly and helpless state of intoxication.

TAPPING THE BLADDER.—SIR: Your paragraph, giving M. Velpeau's opinion about tapping the bladder, is not likely to have much weight; as in it, the learned professor assumes that in each operation—viz., in puncturing above the pubis, and in tapping through the rectum—the peritoneal cavity is opened.

We cannot but be surprised that a surgeon with such extended experience should make a mistake of this kind.

It did not appear right to let the error pass without some remark.

I am, etc., AUGUSTIN PRICHARD,
Surgeon to the Bristol Royal Infirmary.

Clifton, November 21st, 1864.

THE GRIFFIN TESTIMONIAL FUND.—SIR: The following subscriptions have been further received on behalf of the above Fund:—J. E. Moreton, Esq. (Great Boughton), 10s. 6d.; Dr. T. P. Parker (Sunderland), 10s. 6d.; Wm. Kimbell, Esq. (Solihull), 5s. Amount previously announced, £102:1:6. Received at the *Lancet* office, £8:14.

I am, etc., ROBERT FOWLER, M.D.,
Treasurer and Hon. Sec.

145, Bishopsgate Street Without, November 23rd, 1864.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

University of London.—Notice

IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the next Half-yearly Examination for MATRICULATION in this University will commence on MONDAY the 9th of January 1865. In addition to the Metropolitan Examination, a Provincial Examination will be held in the Town Hall of LEEDS.

Every Candidate is required to transmit his Certificate of Age to the Registrar (Burlington House, London, W.) at least fourteen days before the commencement of the Examination.

Candidates who pass the Matriculation Examination are entitled to proceed to the Degrees conferred by the University in Arts, Science, and Medicine: and are exempt (1) from the Entrance Examination otherwise imposed on Candidates for admission to the Royal Military College at Sandhurst; (2) from those Examinations which every Medical Student now commencing his professional studies is required to have passed some one; (3) from the Preliminary Examination otherwise imposed by the College of Surgeons on Candidates for its Fellowship; and (4) from those Examinations in which it is necessary for every person entering upon Articles of Clerkship to an Attorney to have passed some one,—such as Matriculate in the First Division being entitled to the additional exemption from one year's Service.

WILLIAM B. CARPENTER, M.D.,
Registrar.

November 17, 1864.