

and which contained extra water, proved destructive to fish in ten minutes; diluted with three parts of water, it killed fish in twenty minutes; with twenty of water, the fish were dead in twenty-five minutes; with hundred of water, the fish were killed in thirty minutes; diluted with a thousand times its volume of water, the soda liquor was destructive to fish in twenty hours; whilst in ten thousand parts of water the fish were not killed, but were apparently slightly sick. Experiments were also made with crude shale oil and the refined oils obtained therefrom, and with Pennsylvanian petroleum and the refined oils extracted from it. The crude shale oil was destructive to fish in the proportion of one of the oil to one thousand of water, in twelve hours. The Pennsylvanian petroleum in the same proportion, did not kill the fish for twenty-four hours. The refined oils acted in a corresponding manner on fish; thus the refined shale oil, in the proportion of one to a thousand of water, killed the fish in twenty-four hours, whilst the refined Pennsylvanian oil did not prove destructive till two days.

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY......Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's for Fistula and other Diseases of the Rectum, 9 A.M. and 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.—St. Thomas'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 Orthopaedic, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.

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SATURDAY.....St. Thomas's, 9.30 A.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.

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USQUE AD FINEM.—Mr. South has been an Examiner of the College of Surgeons hard on twenty years! He was elected in 1848. Mr. Luke became an Examiner in 1851; and has therefore only tasted the sweets of office for fifteen years! As a commentary, the Council of the College have, as we lately announced, declared by a resolution that these are examples *not* to be imitated. But why does not the Council publish its resolution, in order to let the Elective Body—the Fellows—know its opinion? This is the question a correspondent wisely asks.

A WRITER calls attention to the singular decrease of cholera cases which invariably occurs on Sunday and Monday—being about one-half of the cases returned on other days. Is there any way of accounting for this? Is it the Sunday rest, or the absence of public-house temptations?

APHASIA.—In our leader on Aphasia, whilst speaking of writings on language, we omitted the names of two authors whose contributions are of so high value, that the omission is rather a striking gap in the advice we were then giving to students. We allude to Dr. James Russell of Birmingham, and to Dr. Banks of Dublin, authors of most valuable contributions towards the elucidation of the difficulties which crowd round our studies of the pathology of language.

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from:—Mr. I. BAKER BROWN; Dr. J. BULLAR; Dr. JOSEPH STEVENS; Mr. FURNEAUX JORDAN; Dr. BALMAN; Dr. TILBURY FOX; Dr. F. J. BROWN; FAIR PLAY; Mr. WM. PAUL SWAIN; Mr. T. LANGSTON; Mr. HAYNES WALTON; Dr. H. JACKSON; Dr. SYMONDS; Dr. MURCHISON; AN OLD INHALER; Dr. F. ANDREW; Dr. M. MACKENZIE; Dr. JAMES RUSSELL; Dr. DE G. GRIFFITH; Mr. GRIFFIN; and Mr. HILL.

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55, Berners Street, W., September 11th, 1866.