

Surrey. Nearly all the nations of Europe have since followed these examples. In 1842 the first movement was set on foot for improving the condition of idiots in the United States. Massachusetts men made the first move; but the Legislature of New York was the first public body that undertook to legislate on the subject. Dr. Backus, of Rochester, introduced a bill to the Senate, at Albany, on the 13th of January, 1846, for the purchase of a site and the erection of suitable buildings for an asylum for idiots; which was not, however, carried out till 1854, when the New York State School for Idiots was permanently established at Syracuse, and Dr. H. B. Wilbur chosen superintendent. In the meantime, October, 1846, the State of Massachusetts opened her experimental school for idiots, under the charge of Dr. S. G. Howe, which has been in successful operation ever since. Dr. Wilbur had already opened his private institution at Barre in the preceding July. In July, 1851, his school was transferred to Albany, under the patronage of the State of New York; which finally became the present State Institution. In 1852, a private school was opened by Mr. Richards, at Germantown, which soon after was transferred to Media, where it became the "Pennsylvania Training-School for Idiots." Connecticut and Ohio opened their institutions respectively in 1855 and 1857; Kentucky in 1860; and Illinois in 1865. Thus the United States has eight of these schools, in which nearly one thousand children are constantly in training. This is only a beginning; all the Western and Southern States will probably soon possess similar establishments; and sooner or later, they must be supplied to all our large cities. (*New York Medical Record.*)

**NURSING CHILDREN IN FRANCE.** The French Government is beginning to learn how it comes to pass that people in the middle and upper middle classes in France seldom rear large families. The custom in France among those classes is to put their young children out to nurse in the country, where the air is supposed to be better than in the towns. In all the principal cities there are Bureaux des Nourrices, under the especial superintendence of the police, at which countrywomen desirous of devoting themselves to the nurture of other people's children register themselves. Speculators, whose trade it is to act as middlemen between these professional nurses and parents, bring the former to Paris in omnibuses chartered for the purpose, provide them with nurslings whose parents have applied for nurses at the various *bureaux* there, and reconvey them back to their homes. Startling evidence has been laid before the Academy of Medicine of the horrors that take place in these vehicles on the return journey. The nurses swap the children away with each other, or sublet them, "I have seen," said M. Chevalier, addressing the Academy, "one woman undertake to nurse seven infants, who had neither milk herself, nor the means of procuring cow's milk." Badly fed and badly cared for, the mortality among the wretched children is frightful. Out of 20,000 babies who are annually sent out of Paris *en nourrice*, not more than 5,000 survive; 15,000 die of cold, hunger, and neglect. There are two communes of the Eure-et-Loire especially notorious for the mortality among the infants sent to them; and nurses from that quarter are much sought after by the keepers of houses of ill-fame, and by women of loose life, who find that species of infanticide as certain and far less dangerous than drowning or strangulation. We are now told, however, the French police have taken the matter in hand; and it is probable that the evil will be abated. (*Pall Mall Gazette.*)

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

## MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

WEDNESDAY. Obstetrical Society of London. 7 P.M., Council Meeting. 8 P.M., Dr. W. S. Playfair, "On the Mechanism and Management of Delivery in Cases of Double Monstrosity"; Dr. Routh, "On a New Mode of Treating Epithelial Cancer of the Cervix Uteri and its Cavity."

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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## BOOKS RECEIVED.

1. Brief Sanitary Notes from Practical Experience, more especially in Reference to Cholera. By Assistant-Surgeon J. J. Pope. London: 1866.
2. On the Successes and Failures of Medicine. President's Address. By A. T. H. Waters, M.D. London: 1866.

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