

VICTORIAN MEDICAL BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION. The first annual meeting of this Association was held in the board-room of the Melbourne Hospital, on May 9th ult. The committee stated that a large measure of success has followed the establishment of the association. They had received many replies, all expressive of satisfaction at the formation of the association, and enclosing subscriptions and donations.

MEDICAL STUDENTS. From the following return it will be seen that the number of entries at the eleven metropolitan hospitals, namely, Guy's, St. Bartholomew's, University College, King's College, St. Mary's, St. George's, St. Thomas's, Middlesex, London, Charing Cross, and Westminster, is this year above that of preceding sessions. In 1863 there were 354 new entries, or first year's men, making, with old students, a total of 1,020. In 1864 there 309 freshmen; total at all schools, 995. In 1865 the new entries had increased to 321, total, 1,013. In the present October session, 362 new students have registered their names at the Royal College of Surgeons, making a total of 1,027 gentlemen now pursuing their medical studies in this metropolis. Guy's, St. Bartholomew's, University and King's Colleges still take the lead. The return from the provincial schools has not yet been compiled, but it is stated that the new entries in Ireland are satisfactory. As the Scotch session does not commence until November, it is impossible to ascertain at present what the number attending the northern schools will be. The number of qualified members of the profession in Great Britain has decidedly diminished during the past few years, but this is due more to the openings for young medical men in India, the colonies, the government emigration, peninsular, and other services, than from any dearth in the supply of medical students, since, with over a thousand pursuing their studies in London alone, the vacancies in the profession must be rapidly filled up.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

TUESDAY. Pathological Society of London, 8 P.M.—Anthropological Society of London, 8 P.M.

WEDNESDAY. Obstetrical Society of London, 8 P.M. Dr. Braxton Hicks, "On the Pathology of Puerperal Eclampsia"; Dr. Madge, "On the Relation of the Mother and Fetus"; Dr. Shortt, "On Criminal Abortion"; and other papers.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

1. Cholera: its Seat, Nature, and Treatment. By Charles Shrimpton, M.D. London: 1866.
2. Contributions to Medicine and Midwifery. By T. E. Beatty, M.D. Dublin: 1866.
3. The Study of Botany in Connection with Pharmacy. By R. Beasley, Esq., F.L.S. 1866.

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.

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