

in the matter. He trusted that the malady was stayed, but he could not conceal from himself the probability—a probability taught by bitter experience—that the disease might still spread more widely, and that our flocks might ultimately suffer from as calamitous a visitation as that which befel them in 1847-50.

FLIES. Spanish flies, and cantharides, are also beetles. At Pisa, certain (uncertain?) flies are found which give out an agreeable odour. They feed on orange and lemon flowers, and resemble bees; they have four wings, and therefore are not real flies. A saw-fly carries a saw on its head; a scorpion-fly has terrible pincers, like scorpions' or lobsters' claws, in its tail. The destructive Hessian fly is a tipula, or daddy-long-legs. The May-fly is the ephemeral beauty which lives, as a caddis-worm, for months in the water, and only a single day in the air. A gad-fly is one of the winged scourges which must have been included among the divers sorts of flies which devoured the Egyptians. Swarms of flies, in houses and on the ground, are thus acknowledged to be a plague. And it is not man alone that suffers from them. In several parts of the world, insects end the existence of cattle. Perhaps Paraguay offers the most curious instance of this; for neither cattle nor horses nor dogs have ever run wild there, although they swarm southward and northward in a feral state; and Azara and Rengger have shown that this is caused by the greater prevalence, in Paraguay, of a certain fly, which lays its eggs in the navels of those animals when first born. The increase of these flies, numerous as they are, must still be habitually checked by some means, probably by birds. Hence, if insectivorous birds could increase in Paraguay, flies would decrease, and cattle and horses might run wild. (*All the Year Round.*)

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY...... Royal Free, 2 P.M.—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.
THURSDAY..... St. George's, 1 P.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 1 P.M.—London, 1.30 P.M.—Great Northern, 2 P.M.—London Surgical Home, 2 P.M.—Royal Orthopædic, 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.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY. Medical Society of London, 8.30 P.M.: Dr. Cotton, "On the Therapeutics of Consumption."
TUESDAY. Junior Medical Society of London (Charing Cross), 8 P.M.: Mr. Frank W. Cooper, "Some Points in the Treatment of Delirium Tremens."

POPULATION STATISTICS AND METEOROLOGY OF LONDON—OCTOBER 11, 1862.

[From the Registrar-General's Report.]

	Births.	Deaths.
During week.....	{ Boys .. 901 Girls.. 856 }	1757 1121
Average of corresponding weeks 1852-61		1801 1156

Barometer:
 Highest (Sun.) 30.183; lowest (Sat.) 29.916; mean, 29.980.

Thermometer:
 Highest in sun—extremes (Mon.) 110.1 degs.; (Tu.) 92.7 degs.
 In shade—highest (Mon.) 70 degrees; lowest (Sun.) 47.7 degs.
 Mean—56.3 degrees; difference from mean of 43 yrs. 4.2 degs.
 Range—during week, 22.3 degrees; mean daily, 14.9 degrees.
 Mean humidity of air (saturation = 10) .89.
 Mean direction of wind, N.E.—Rain in inches, 1.22.

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.

THE GEOLOGY OF LINCOLN.—SIR: In the abstract of my address, which appeared in the JOURNAL for August 2nd, the clay over which a part of Lincoln is built is mentioned as "Oxford" clay; whereas it is really a bed belonging to the lias—lias-clay. I much regret this error, which was owing to my having relied on the accuracy of the Report of Mr. Giles, C.E., on the Drainage. Should you deem the mistake a matter of sufficient importance to notice, perhaps you will oblige me by setting it right.

I am, etc., T. SYMPSON.

S.D.—We cannot believe that the following extract is from the work of any man who can legitimately write M.R.C.S. after his name:—

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COMMUNICATIONS have been received from:—MR. WILLIAM COPNEY; MR. M. B. HILL; DR. FOWLER; DR. STIFF; MR. RICHARD GRIFFIN; DR. WALKER; DR. DAY; MR. G. RIGDEN; DR. HUGHES BENNETT; DR. KIDD; MR. JAMES FOWLER; THE HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE JUNIOR MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON; DR. DAVEY; THE HONORARY SECRETARIES OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON; MRS. BAINES; DR. MITCHINSON; DR. P. BOULTON; and MR. MORRIS.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

1. Transactions of the Medical Society of London. Volume II. London: 1862.
2. An Introductory Address on the Future of St. Thomas's Hospital. By J. S. Bristowe, M.D. London: 1862.
3. La Médecine et le Monopole. Par le Docteur Romain Vigouroux. London: 1862.
4. Air and Water: their Impurities and Purification. By Henry B. Condy. London: 1862.

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