

OPERATION DAYS AT THE LONDON HOSPITALS.

MONDAY ---- 10.30 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic.—1.30 P.M.: Guy's (Ophthalmic Department); and Royal Westminster Ophthalmic.—3 P.M.: Metropolitan Free; St. Mark's; Central London Ophthalmic; Royal Orthopedic; and Hospital for Women.—2.30 P.M.: Chelsea Hospital for Women.

TUESDAY ---- 9 A.M.: St. Mary's (Ophthalmic Department).—10.30 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic.—1.30 P.M.: Guy's; St. Bartholomew's (Ophthalmic Department); St. Mary's; Royal Westminster Ophthalmic.—2 P.M.: Westminster; St. Mark's; Central London Ophthalmic.—2.30 P.M.: West London; Cancer Hospital, Brompton.—4 P.M.: St. Thomas's (Ophthalmic Department).

WEDNESDAY ---- 10 A.M.: National Orthopedic.—10.30 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic.—1 P.M.: Middlesex.—1.30 A.M.: St. Bartholomew's; St. Thomas's; Royal Westminster Ophthalmic.—2 P.M.: London; University College; Westminster; Great Northern Central; Central London Ophthalmic.—2.30 P.M.: Samaritan Free Hospital for Women and Children; St. Peter's.—3 to 4 P.M.: King's College.

THURSDAY ---- 10.30 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic.—1 P.M.: St. George's.—1.30 P.M.: St. Bartholomew's (Ophthalmic Department); Guy's (Ophthalmic Department); Royal Westminster Ophthalmic.—2 P.M.: Charing Cross; London; Central London Ophthalmic; Hospital for Diseases of the Throat; Hospital for Women.—2.30 P.M.: North-west London; Chelsea Hospital for Women.

FRIDAY ---- 9 A.M.: St. Mary's (Ophthalmic Department).—10.30 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic.—1.15 P.M.: St. George's (Ophthalmic Department).—1.30 P.M.: Guy's; Royal Westminster Ophthalmic.—3 P.M.: King's College; St. Thomas's (Ophthalmic Department); Central London Ophthalmic; Royal South London Ophthalmic; East London Hospital for Children.—2.30 P.M.: West London.

SATURDAY ---- 9 A.M.: Royal Free.—10.30 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic.—1 P.M.: King's College.—1.30 P.M.: St. Bartholomew's; St. Thomas's; Royal Westminster Ophthalmic.—2 P.M.: Charing Cross; London; Middlesex; Royal Free; Central London Ophthalmic.—2.30 P.M.: Cancer Hospital, Brompton.

HOURS OF ATTENDANCE AT THE LONDON HOSPITALS.

CHARING CROSS.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.30; Skin, M. Th., 1.30; Dental, M. W. F., 9.

GUY'S.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, M. Tu. F., 1.30; Eye, M. Tu. Th. F., 1.30; Ear, Tu. F., 1.30; Skin, Tu., 1.30; Dental, Tu. Th. F., 12.

KING'S COLLEGE.—Medical, daily, 2; Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. Th. S., 2; o.p., M. W. F., 12.30; Eye, M. Th., 1; Ophthalmic Department, W., 1; Ear, Th., 2; Skin, Th., 2; Throat, Th., 3; Dental, Tu. F., 10.

LONDON.—Medical, daily, exc. S., 2; Surgical, daily, 1.30 and 2; Obstetric, M. Th., 1.30; o.p., W. S., 1.30; Eye, W. S., 9; Ear, S., 9.30; Skin, Th., 9; Dental, Tu., 9.

MIDDLESEX.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.30; o.p., W. S., 1.30; Eye, W. S., 8.30; Ear and Throat, Tu., 9; Skin, Tu., 4; Dental, daily, 9.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. Th. S., 2; o.p., W. S., 9; Eye, Tu. Th. S., 2.30; Ear, Tu. F., 2; Skin, F., 1.30; Larynx, F., 2.30; Orthopedic, M., 2.30; Dental, Tu. F., 9.

ST. GEORGE'S.—Medical and Surgical, M. Tu. F. S., 1; Obstetric, Tu. S., 1; o.p., Th., 2; Eye, W. S., 2; Ear, Tu., 2; Skin, W., 3; Throat, Th., 2; Orthopedic, W., 2; Dental, Tu. S., 9; Th., 1.

ST. MARY'S.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.45; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.45; o.p., M. Th., 1.30; Eye, Tu. F. S., 9; Ear, M. Th., 3; Throat, Tu. F., 1.30; Skin, M., 12.30; Electrical, Tu. F., 2; Dental, W. S., 9.30; Consultations, M., 2.30; Operations, Tu., 1.30; Ophthalmic Operations, F., 9.

ST. THOMAS'S.—Medical and Surgical, daily, except Sat., 2; Obstetric, M. Th., 2; o.p., W., 1.30; Eye, M. Th., 2; o.p., daily, except Sat., 1.30; Ear, M., 12.30; Skin, W., 12.30; Throat, Tu. F., 1.30; Children, S., 12.30; Dental, Tu. F., 10.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1 to 2; Obstetrics, M. Tu. Th., 1.30; Eye, M. Tu. Th. F., 2; Ear, S., 1.30; Skin, W., 1.45 S., 9.15; Throat, Th., 2.30; Dental, W., 10.30.

WESTMINSTER.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. F., 8; Eye, M. Th., 2.30; Ear, M., 9; Skin, Th., 1; Dental, W. S., 9.15.

LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.—We shall be much obliged to Medical Officers of Health if they will, on forwarding their Annual and other Reports, favour us with Duplicate Copies.

QUERIES.

SOAPSTONE (FRENCH CHALK) AS A DUSTING POWDER.
R. E. P. writes: I should feel obliged if any member, who may have had practical experience, will inform me as to the value, if any, of soapstone (silicate of alumina and magnesia) as a "dusting powder" for intertrigo in infants, and whether it is likely to be absorbed in sufficient quantity to produce any undesirable therapeutical effect. It is well known by shoemakers as French chalk, and is used by them for lubricating tight shoes.

THE PREVENTION OF STAINING BY CHRYSOPHANIC ACID.
M. B. M. A., writes: I shall feel greatly obliged if any member will give me a hint as to the prevention of the staining of chrysophanic acid, or its removal after using the ointment. My patient suffers from psoriasis, and is greatly benefited by the drug, but in spite of warm baths after its use, it still stains all his linen for days afterwards.

* * Dr. Radcliffe Crocker has been good enough to supply us with the following answer to the above question: "The stains in linen are quite indelible without injuring the fabric, but they may be avoided by using the Auspitz method. A gutta-percha varnish, called traumaticin, is made by dissolving 3j of pure gutta-percha in 5x of chloroform, ʒj of chrysarobin is added, making an emulsion, which is painted on with a stiff brush after removing the scales every day, until a thick coat is formed: it is then allowed to peel off and renewed. It acts effectively and does not stain. Besnier modified this by brushing in ʒj of chrysarobin in 3x of chloroform, and then varnishing with traumaticin. Both plans are equally good."

CONTRACT PRICES.

A COUNTRY DOCTOR would be obliged by advice as to what he should charge per annum for attendance on the workmen engaged in the construction of a railway, by anyone who has had experience in such contracts. The line is ten miles long, and 1,000 men will be employed on it for three years. The doctor resides at one end, and may attend the men over the whole length, but would prefer only the five miles nearest to him, on which 600 men are to be employed. The contractor wishes the charge only to include medical attendance, and the men to pay for medicine; but as there is no chemist, and the doctor has to supply medicine, would it not be better to include medicine and surgical dressings in the contract. What would be a proper charge for them?

BATTERY FOR ELECTROLYSIS.

X. asks what battery Dr. Apostoli uses in his treatment of uterine fibroids; and if zinc, carbon, bichromate, as is supposed, what is the size of the plates; and how many cells are needed for an average current to be shown in the galvanometer, say, 100 milliamperes? Fresh fluid is supposed to be supplied with each application.

PAYING PATIENT.

X. asks for information as to what London hospital would take in a small farmer with lupus of nine years' standing; the patient is able to pay £1 to £2 per week.

* * Guy's (apply to Dr. Steele, Guy's Hospital, S.E.); St. Thomas's (Home apply to the Superintendent, St. Thomas's Hospital, Albert Embankment S.E.).

ANSWERS.

RATES AND TAXES.

F.R.O.S.E.—You cannot deduct anything from the rateable value of your house, because a part of it is used for professional purposes. In making out your returns for income tax, you should put down part of the rent and part of the rates as a professional expense, but using premises for profession or trade does not affect the rateable value. If you wish for fuller particulars, get from The Income Tax Repayment Agency, 25, Colville Terrace, *How to Appeal against your Rates*, a companion volume to *Income Tax, How to get it Refunded*.

REMOVAL OF MILK TEETH.

M.R.C.S., L.D.S., writes: In answer to the important question asked by "Far Away," I would strongly advise the retention of the milk teeth until the normal absorption of the root takes place. Without attempting to enter largely into the question, it may be said that the principal change in the size of the jaw is in a direction backwards, and the retention of the temporary teeth may assist in the demand upon Nature for the necessary supply of new bone for the permanent molar series. A ten years' experience of general practice enables me to say that neither the medical practitioner nor parents are, at present, sufficiently aware of the necessity for close attention being given to the temporary dentition and the eruption of the permanent teeth. Caries of the milk teeth should be discovered in time, and the organs saved by filling. If from any cause they should be removed, "Far Away" need not be afraid of the closing alveolus contracting for, on the contrary, it becomes absorbed, to be rebuilt up about the necks of the permanent teeth when they are erupted.

NOTES, LETTERS, ETC.

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