

HOURS OF ATTENDANCE AND OPERATION DAYS AT THE LONDON HOSPITALS.

CANCER, Brompton (Free). *Attendances.*—Daily, 2. *Operations.*—Tu. F. S., 2.
CENTRAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC. *Operations.*—Daily, 2.
CHAMING CROSS. *Attendances.*—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.30; Skin, M., 1.0; Dental, M. W. F., 9; Throat and Ear, F., 9.30. *Operations.*—W. Th. F., 9.
CHLSEA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN. *Attendances.*—Daily, 1.30. *Operations.*—M. F., 2.
CITY ORTHOPEDIC. *Attendances.*—M. Tu. Th. F., 2. *Operations.*—M., 4.
EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN. *Operations.*—F., 2.
GREAT NORTHERN CENTRAL. *Attendances.*—Medical and Surgical, M. Tu. W. Th. F., 2.30; Obstetric, W., 2.30; Eye, M. Th., 2.30; Throat and Ear, Tu. F., 2.30; Skin, W., 2.30; Dental, W., 2. *Operations.*—W., 2.
GUY'S. *Attendances.*—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, M. Tu. F., 1.30; Eye, M. Tu. Th. F., 1.30; Ear, Tu., 1; Skin, Tu., 1; Dental, daily, 9; Throat, F., 1. *Operations.*—(Ophthalmic) M. Th., 1.30; Tu. F., 1.30.
HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Soho. *Attendances.*—Daily, 10. *Operations.*—M. Th., 2.
KING'S COLLEGE. *Attendances.*—Medical, daily, 2; Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, daily, 1.30; o.p., Tu. W. F. S., 1.30; Eye, M. Th., 1.30; Ophthalmic Department, W., 2; Ear, Th., 2; Skin, F., 1.30; Throat, F., 1.30; Dental, Tu. Th., 9.30. *Operations.*—M. F. S., 2.
LONDON. *Attendances.*—Medical, daily, exc. S., 2; Surgical, daily, 1.30 and 2; Obstetric, M. Th., 1.30; o.p., W. S., 1.30; Eye, Tu. S., 9; Ear, S., 9.30; Skin, Th., 9; Dental, Tu., 9. *Operations.*—M. Tu. W. Th. S., 2.
LONDON TEMPERANCE. *Attendances.*—Medical, M. Tu. F., 2; Surgical, M. Th., 2. *Operations.*—M. Th., 4.30.
METROPOLITAN. *Attendances.*—Medical and Surgical, daily, 9; Obstetric, W., 2. *Operations.*—F., 9.
MIDDLESEX. *Attendances.*—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, M. Th., 1.30; o.p., M. F., 9; W., 1.30; Eye, Tu. F., 9; Ear and Throat, Tu., 9; Skin, Tu., 4; Th., 9.30; Dental, M. W. F., 9.30. *Operations.*—W., 1.30; S., 2; (Obstetric), Th., 2.
NATIONAL ORTHOPEDIC. *Attendances.*—M. Tu. Th. F., 2. *Operations.*—W., 10.
NEW HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN. *Attendances.*—Daily, 2; Ophthalmic, W. S., 9.30. *Operations.*—Tu. F., 9.
NORTH-WEST LONDON. *Attendances.*—Medical and Surgical, daily, 2; Obstetric, W., 2; Eye, W., 9; Skin, F., 2; Dental, F., 9. *Operations.*—Th., 2.30.
ROYAL EYE, Southwark. *Attendances.*—Daily, 2. *Operations.*—Daily.
ROYAL FREE. *Attendances.*—Medical and Surgical, daily, 2; Diseases of Women, Tu. S., 9; Eye, M. F., 9; Dental, Th., 9. *Operations.*—W. S., 2; (Ophthalmic), M. F., 10.30; (Diseases of Women), S., 9.
ROYAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC. *Attendances.*—Daily, 9. *Operations.*—Daily, 10.
ROYAL ORTHOPEDIC. *Attendances.*—Daily, 1. *Operations.*—M., 2.
ROYAL WESTMINSTER OPHTHALMIC. *Attendances.*—Daily, 1. *Operations.*—Daily.
ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S. *Attendances.*—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. Th. S., 2; o.p., W. S., 9; Eye, W. Th. S., 2.30; Ear, Tu. F., 2; Skin, F., 1.30; Larynx, F., 2.30; Orthopedic, M., 2.30; Dental, Tu. F., 9. *Operations.*—M. Tu. W. S., 1.30; (Ophthalmic), Tu. Th., 2.
ST. GEORGE'S. *Attendances.*—Medical and Surgical, M. Tu. F. S., 12; Obstetric, M. Th., 2; o.p., Eye, W. S., 2; Ear, Tu., 2; Skin, W., 2; Throat, Th., 2; Orthopedic, W., 2; Dental, Tu. S., 9. *Operations.*—Th., 1; (Ophthalmic), F., 1.15.
ST. MARK'S. *Attendances.*—Fistula and Diseases of the Rectum, males, S., 3; females, W., 9.45. *Operations.*—M., 2; Tu., 2.30.
ST. MARY'S. *Attendances.*—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.45; o.p., 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.45; Eye, Tu. F. S., 9; Ear, M. Th., 3; Orthopedic, W., 10; Throat, Tu. F., 1.30; Skin, M. Th., 9.30; Electrotherapeutics, Tu. F., 2; Dental, W. S., 9.30; Consultations, M., 2.30. *Operations.*—Tu., 1.30; (Orthopedic), W., 11; (Ophthalmic), F., 9.
ST. PETER'S. *Attendances.*—M., 2 and 5; Tu., 2; W., 5; Th., 2; F. (Women and Children), 2; S., 4. *Operations.*—W. F., 2.
ST. THOMAS'S. *Attendances.*—Medical and Surgical, daily, exc. W. and S., 2; Obstetric, Tu. F., 2; o.p., W. S., 1.30; Eye, Tu., 2; o.p., daily, exc. S., 1.30; Ear, M., 1.30; Skin, F., 1.30; Throat, Tu. F., 1.30; Children, S., 1.30; Dental, Tu. F., 10. *Operations.*—W. S., 1.30; (Ophthalmic), M., 2.30, F., 2; (Gynecological), Th., 2.
SAMARITAN FREE FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN. *Attendances.*—Daily, 1.30. *Operations.*—W., 2.30.
THROAT, Golden Square. *Attendances.*—Daily, 1.30; Tu. F., 6.30. *Operations.*—Th., 2.
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE. *Attendances.*—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, M. W. F., 1.30; Eye, M. Th., 2; Ear, M. Th., 9; Skin, W., 1.45, S., 9.15; Throat, M. Th., 9; Dental, W., 9.30. *Operations.*—Tu. W. Th., 2.
WEST LONDON. *Attendances.*—Medical and Surgical, daily, 2; Dental, Tu. F., 9.30; Eye, Tu. Th. S., 2; Ear, Tu., 10; Orthopedic, W., 2; Diseases of Women, W. S., 2; Electric, Tu., 10; F., 4; Skin, F., 2; Throat and Nose, S., 10. *Operations.*—Tu. F., 2.30.
WESTMINSTER. *Attendances.*—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1; Eye, Tu. F., 9.30; Ear, M., 9; Skin, W., 1; Dental, W. S., 9.15. *Operations.*—Tu. W., 2.

LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK'S JOURNAL SHOULD REACH THE OFFICE NOT LATER THAN MIDDAY POST ON WEDNESDAY. TELEGRAMS CAN BE RECEIVED ON THURSDAY MORNING.

COMMUNICATIONS respecting Editorial matters should be addressed to the Editor, 429, Strand, W.C., London; those concerning business matters, non-delivery of the JOURNAL, etc., should be addressed to the Manager, at the Office, 429, Strand, W.C., London.

AUTHORS desiring reprints of their articles published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL are requested to communicate beforehand with the Manager, 429, Strand, W.C.

CORRESPONDENTS who wish notice to be taken of their communications should authenticate them with their names—of course not necessarily for publication.

CORRESPONDENTS not answered are requested to look to the Notices to Correspondents of the following week.

MANUSCRIPTS FORWARDED TO THE OFFICE OF THIS JOURNAL CANNOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES BE RETURNED.

In order to avoid delay, it is particularly requested that all letters on the editorial business of the JOURNAL be addressed to the Editor at the Office of the JOURNAL, and not to his private house.

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, answers, and communications relating to subjects to which special departments of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL are devoted will be found under their respective headings.

QUERIES.

ANSER asks: What is the modern name for a complaint which many old people die of, and which is characterised by an asthenic febrile condition, acute gastritis, anorexia, tongue at first coated then red and raw, the eyes bright and senses keen; no external evidence of malignant disease?

DRY ROT AND DIPHTHERIA.

A GUARDIAN writes that, in a recent epidemic of diphtheria in a school, most of the ordinary causes of spread of the disease can be excluded, but it has been found that the wood floor of the schoolroom is affected by dry rot. He wishes to know whether any evidence of a connection between dry rot and diphtheria exists.

DISTRICT NURSES.

ANSER writes: We have a district nurse here, managed by a lay committee consisting of parsons, etc. We medicals subscribed the first year, then, not being consulted, we hardly like doing so again without further advice.

** If the medical practitioners of the district are not consulted as to the nursing arrangements, and are of opinion that the latter are not carried out in the most desirable manner, we cannot see that they are in any way called upon to support the institution.

TREATMENT OF HYPERHYDROSIS.

M.R.C.S. would be pleased if any member could advise him as to treatment in the following case: M. C., a well-to-do young farmer, aged 25 years, strong, healthy, temperate, with good family history, complains of excessive perspiration between the thighs, with a most offensive odour, so much so that he dreads going into company. Tonics, astringents, cold water baths, etc., have been tried, but with very little success.

LIFE ASSURANCE.

A MEMBER asks if the Scottish Metropolitan Life Assurance Company can be recommended financially. An agent states this company works on the mutual principle, and is not really a company but a society. Is this so?

** The Scottish Metropolitan Life Assurance Company is a joint stock company, registered in 1876. It has a subscribed capital of £80,000 and a premium income of about £50,000. The working expenses are over 20 per cent. on the premium income, and although the business is valued at the high rate of interest of 4 per cent., it appears to show practically no profit. The rates of premium are very low, but the business is too small to justify us in recommending the company.

TRIPLE STAINING.

HISTO would be glad if any practical technologist will describe method of making solutions and of preparing successful blood covers as in leukemia, pernicious anemia, to show all varieties of cells with (1) Ehrlich Biondi-Heidenhain triple (from dry powder); (2) Ehrlich triple dye; Grüber's dyes. He finds so much variation in them, and the formula on the bottle is of no value, for the three colours are not seen after staining and mounting, and neither do the textbooks give any help; and (3) for staining pathological sections by triple stain.

ANSWERS.

R. A. C. (Newcastle).—There was no legislation last session dealing with the control of inebriates.

LONDON AND MANCHESTER INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
 N. E.—We cannot recommend our correspondent to become connected with this Association; the extensive "touting" carried on by its agents to obtain members for the medical aid department has been universally condemned by the profession, and any practitioner who accepts office in it is therefore likely to come under the same ban.

PERVERSION OF TASTE.

R. T. W. writes: The case mentioned on page 1643 in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of December 28th, 1895, is stated to be gouty and dyspeptic. If the usual remedies have been tried without success, would Dr. Brabazon care to try Carlsbad salt, the powdered form, imported by Ingram and Royle, Farringdon Street? Dissolve half a teaspoonful in half a pint of boiling water, and when it is cool enough to drink let the patient sip it slowly, fasting, the draught to be finished at least half an hour before breakfast daily. Continue for three or four weeks. Let gentle massage be used for an hour every other day for the same period.

NOTES, LETTERS, Etc.

ERRATUM.—In the paper on The Atropine Group, in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of December 21st, 1895, by Dr. Gordon Sharp, on p. 1548, col. 1, line 11, for Kaehlmann read Rachlmann; and on p. 1549, col. 1, line 33, for hematropine read homatropine.

THE USE OF SETONS IN TRAUMATIC SWELLINGS.

DR. J. B. NIAS (London, W.) writes: The following case may serve as an appendix to Surgeon-Major Peacock's observations on this subject in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of December 14th, 1895. A setter belonging to a friend of mine, having been sent to a keeper to be broken, came back with a hæmatoma of the lobe of the ear, probably caused by a blow with a stone or stick. On making an incision into this from the