

tion. It exists, and Miss MARSDEN was able to bring back a considerable quantity of it with her for examination. With reference to its alleged virtues in the cure of leprosy, however, no trustworthy evidence could be obtained. Any attempt to test its properties on the unfortunate lepers was, in their present condition, out of the question. Where every law of health and sanitation was being defied the application of such a remedy would have been worse than useless. On arriving at the leper district Miss MARSDEN's first care was to make a tour of inspection of the 'yourtes.' This, however, was a matter of no little difficulty. They are scattered about in the depths of primeval forests hundreds of versts apart, and their situation is for the most part unknown to the authorities. After some trouble she got together a body of about thirty men, who were able to act as guides. Her tour extended over three thousand versts, and occupied about six weeks. The whole party, mounted on the small horses of the country, were formed in single file, and a path had to be cut through the thick undergrowth to enable them to advance. It was impossible to state even approximately, the number of lepers in that part of Russia, as the authorities have taken no trouble to compile a statistical return. The number in the Sereane Veluisk district has been roughly estimated at three hundred, but there is no means of knowing how far this computation is correct. It is Miss MARSDEN's intention to return to Yakutsk, and to establish a leper colony at Veluisk, on the river Velui."

I AM asked to announce that the Court of Common Council of the City of London have voted a grant of fifty guineas towards the fund now being raised for the extension of the Richmond Hospital, Surrey, and the establishment of a Children's Ward thereat, and that by a letter dated the 19th April last, Her Serene Highness the Princess MAY OF TECK informed the Committee "That it would give her great pleasure for the new Ward to be named after her—'Princess May's Ward.'"

THE DUCHESS OF PORTLAND opened a new wing of the East London Children's Hospital, at Shadwell, last Saturday. Mr. CHESTON, Chairman of the Committee, presented the Duchess with a silver key as a very appropriate memento of the occasion. There has been a great deal of interest shown amongst the poor in the locality, in the enlargement of an Institution which is so greatly needed amongst them. One working-man, indeed, has gone so far as to collect one thousand farthings from the children in the neighbourhood, seven of whom presented their little bags of these humble coins to the Duchess. It was a touching proof of the interest felt by the poor; but one does not like to think of the immense amount of work which it must have required to raise this solitary guinea.

WORTH KNOWING.—That Tolphite is the only dusting powder exclusively manufactured for the Nursery. Dr. Andrew Wilson, F.R.S., says: "All the conditions which Hygiene recognises as important and essential in such a powder are represented in Tolphite; it is invaluable for infants in preventing excoriation and chafing." Mrs. Hilton says her Nurses are charmed with it. Post free, for eight or fifteen stamps.—Dodd Brothers, Stamford Hill, London.

I AM asked to mention that the annual meeting of the After-Care Association for Poor and Friendless Female Convalescents on leaving Asylums for the Insane, will be held at Upper Terrace House, Hampstead, on Monday, June 20th, at four p.m., by kind invitation of Dr. and Mrs. RAYNER. Dr. RAYNER will preside.

I HEAR that, at the request of Mrs. BRUCE CLARKE, the Kyrle Society have sent to the Nurses' Home of Rest, at Brighton, forty well-bound novels, and ten volumes of magazines, which must be a valuable, and just at this season, a most appropriate addition to the library of the Home. I hear on all sides of the ever-increasing popularity and success of the Home.

THE good work done by the "Popular Musical Union" for the musical training and recreation of the industrial classes, entitles that body to the support of all "kinds and conditions of men," so that we have pleasure in calling attention to the grand concert, to be given by distinguished artistes, at Grosvenor House, Hyde Park, on June 18th, by permission of His Grace the DUKE OF WESTMINSTER, and under the special patronage of the DUCHESS OF FIFE, the DUKE and DUCHESS OF WESTMINSTER, the DUCHESS OF WELLINGTON, the LORD MAYOR and LADY MAYORESS, Lady HILL, &c.

I HAVE just been permitted a peep at a variety of very pretty caps made by Messrs. E. and R. GARROULD, the well-known firm in the Edgware Road. They have just been making an effective one for the Dental Hospital, Leicester Square. It is cheap and does not require taking to pieces for washing, &c., which washerwomen will be sure to appreciate. They are well worth an inspection.

I OUGHT to have mentioned last week, and I would have done had space permitted, the very excellent "Musical Drill," which took place on the evening of Wednesday, the 1st, at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, E.C. The entertainers were the St. Bride's (for young women) and the Marylebone Clubs. Various evolutions were gone through with very good effect, and the whole display was as pretty as it was interesting, everyone concerned apparently doing their best. Physical displays such as these are much to be encouraged, and every credit is due to Miss KATE LUPTON for the skill, patience, and perseverance wherewith she has brought her pupils and classes to their present high standard of efficiency.

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