

science but to the patients themselves, by relieving the monotony of the day, if medical students were admitted.

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"COUNTING the cost" and "Footing the bills" are never very agreeable occupations even when the purse is tolerably well filled, and the comic papers are never tired of the perennial distaste of the average citizen when called upon to settle his doctor's accounts. The City of Hamburg has recently been brought face to face with the cost of the cholera outbreak of two years ago, and it has been forced to the unwelcome conclusion that, directly and indirectly, the outbreak has cost them some fifteen millions sterling.

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"Our trade has been paralysed, and we are still suffering severely from the cholera scourge. It was like a prairie fire; but it did good." So writes a correspondent holding an important official position in Hamburg.

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The new waterworks of Hamburg are models of perfection, and the water supply second to none. The water is subjected to a daily test so as to ensure absolute purity. A very striking proof of the direct relation of a pure water supply to the health of the community is shown by the fact that the death rate of Hamburg, which was normally 26, has come down to 18, and has not once been above 20 last year or this.

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LAST August, Sir GEORGE DIBBS opened the new buildings of the Sydney Hospital. For years the work has been in hand; but for various reasons no progress was made. There were present a large number of members of both Houses of Parliament, leading doctors, and professional men. The Hospital is built in three sections—two wings and a main structure. The architecture is considered appropriate and harmonious. The new building contains eight wards, with accommodation for 150 beds. A special system of ventilation has been introduced, and all the sanitary fittings have been specially manufactured. The façade facing Macquarie Street is in stone; the rest in brick.

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Two Cottage Hospitals have lately been opened in the Colony: one for the Western suburbs of Sydney, by Sir ROBERT DUFF; and one at Williamstown, Victoria, by the Hon. R. REED.

The Link Shell Truss Co., 171, Wardour Street, London, W., have a new truss, it is claimed that by this method of manufacture a truss is provided which will be more comfortable than the one in ordinary use and better able to adapt itself to the various movements of the body, especially if these are of a sudden character. The truss is fitted with a hip-joint regulator by means of which the pressure is increased or diminished as required and with a soft hollow shell pad perforated for ventilation. The Truss as thus completed is an efficient one.—*Lancet*, August 4th, 1894.

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THE special Course of Lectures has been recommenced by the National Health Society, the opening lecture having been given on October 2nd. The series is divided into six Courses, of which the first, consisting of ten lectures on Physiology by Dr. Squire, is now in progress on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2.30. The series promises to be extremely interesting and even more successful than its predecessors, a large number of ladies having entered their names as students. The Course of Physiology lectures will be followed by Courses on Hygiene, by Dr. Schofield; First Aid, by Owen Lankester, Esq.; Sanitation, by John Gay, Esq.; and Nursing, by Miss de Pledge. Special arrangements are made by which *Nurses* may attend these lectures at reduced fees.

A Course of Elocution lectures has been organised by the Society, to afford an opportunity to its training students of acquiring a clear enunciation and fluency in lecturing. The first lecture of the course was held on Friday, October 5th, by Miss Florence Bourne.

The country lecturing season in connection with the County Councils has opened with renewed energy and increased success, twenty-three Councils having already applied for lecturers.

Miss Morgan has commenced a Course of Homely Talks in Essex, Deaconess Staple and Miss Dunbar respectively in Sussex and Epping, while Miss White is fulfilling an engagement in Gloucester, Mrs. Dickson at Hove, Miss Read and Miss Sills at Shropshire, and Mrs. Phipps in S. Bucks.

Many of the County Councils have made special application for the ladies who have been employed by them in previous years, thereby showing their appreciation of the work done.

A noteworthy syllabus of Homely Talks has been recently issued by the Society on "Domestic Economy and Household Management"; "The Home and the Pleasures and Rewards of Economy"; "The Art of Dressing Well and Cheaply"; "Wages, and How to spend them," are some of the interesting headings of these lectures. This series promises to be very attractive, and has already met with great success.

Courses of Homely Talks on Nursing and First Aid are in progress in many parts of London, and are very much appreciated by the members of the mothers' meetings, girls' clubs, etc., which participate in them. Elementary Examinations are now held at the conclusion of these Courses, and certificates granted, which lend a considerable impetus to the interest of the students.

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