

directors of the late Life-Saving Exhibition (London) for its concise and best methods of instruction for the rescue of the drowning. This being duly recorded brought the meeting to a close.

One of the most interesting sights at the Chemists' Exhibition last week was the sponge-house, where sponges of all nationalities and all kinds, except live ones, were to be seen, and the figure of a sponge-diver attired in a model air-tight dress of rubber, and wearing a helmet and a leaden breast-plate, not for protection, but for weight, since it is necessary to carry over half a hundred-weight to go down to the depths of the sea a hundred and fifty feet. The boots he was wearing also weighed thirty-five pounds, and if one were in Greece and could talk Greek (all good sponge-divers, we are told, are Greeks) one would like to ask him with the apportioned weights why he does not go down head first? He is made to communicate with the outside world—the men in the boat—by means of a telephone, and an electric lamp placed in his breast lightens his path before him.

The medical aspect of a diver's life has points of interest. Only Greeks, as a rule, can stand the pressure of the water, and they only for short intervals. After a time, as a result of pressure, hæmorrhage from lungs, nose, and ears is produced—the same results that follow too lofty an aerial ascent in a balloon.

The Mayor of Newcastle is projecting a scheme for commemorating the 60th year of the Queen's reign by building a new Infirmary for Newcastle at an estimated cost of £100,000. He suggests that the Governors endeavour to obtain consent to name the new building "The Royal Victorian Infirmary," and he thinks it would be possible for the foundation-stone to be laid in the autumn of next year, when Her Majesty might be asked to be present, or, failing that, to depute some other member of the Royal Family to perform the opening ceremony.

The desirability of re-modelling the old Infirmary at Newcastle has been considered for some time past, and the project of building a new one appeals to many who are able to substantially support the movement. If things have progressed sufficiently far by next autumn for the foundation-stone to be laid, no one will be found to grudge the Mayor of Newcastle the well-earned gratitude of his fellow citizens.

A garden fête, in aid of the children's ward of the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, was held on Thursday at Prideaux, near Blazey, by kind permission of Sir Colman Rashleigh, Bart., C.B. The fête was arranged and carried out by Mr., Mrs., and the Misses Chapel-Hodge, who had the pleasure of welcoming a large number of friends from the surrounding neighbourhood. Two Nurses were present from the Hospital, and were successful in collecting donations for the funds of the Institution.

According to the *London Gazette*, the Home Secretary has certified that the process of sorting wool, goat-hair, or camel-hair, and the processes incidental thereto, are dangerous or injurious to health.

## The Middlesex Hospital.

MR. CLARE MELHADO, the Secretary Superintendent of the Middlesex Hospital, is to be congratulated upon the Quarterly Report recently laid before the Governors of the Institution, and we are glad to observe that an increase to his salary has been sanctioned, in consideration of the additional duties which have recently devolved upon him, more especially in connection with the new Convalescent Home. It was set forth that the gross receipts of the fête in aid of the Convalescent Home, held on July 1st, under royal patronage, were (including a donation of £1,000 by Viscount Portman) £5,292. The Duchess of York had presented a portrait of herself to be placed in the Princess May Ward of the Hospital, and the Duke had consented to allow his name to be associated with one of the wards in the Convalescent Home. Four other wards in the Home have been designated as follows, to perpetuate the names of the respective benefactors:—"Debenham," "Portman," "Breadalbane," and "Eason."

Amongst the legacies received during the past quarter are two of considerable value—one being Mr. William Debenham's bequests of £2,000 and £1,000 respectively to the General and Convalescent Home Funds. On this legacy the executors paid interest accrued, amounting to £38 2s. 9d., from the date of death to the date of payment. The other legacy received is that of £1,000 from the estate of the late William Bindloss, on which the executors also paid interest £33 13s. 10d.

After prolonged deliberation, lasting over two years, the Board has completed a scheme for the amalgamation of the Medical School with the Hospital. Briefly stated, the scheme provides for the taking over by the Hospital of all the property of the School, together with its existing liabilities, and the consequent remission of the debt now due from the School to the Hospital. In future the Hospital is to receive the gross income from the School, and after payment of necessary charges, will provide, according to the profits obtained, a fixed annual sum for the remuneration of the teaching staff. These financial arrangements are subject to revision, if necessary, at the expiration of three years. Another prominent feature is the provision for the constitution of a new body, the Council of the Medical School, to be composed of the Chairman of the weekly Board, representatives of the Governors, the Honorary Medical Officers, and the Lecturers of the School. This Council will, under the supervision of the Board, control all matters relating to the School finance and management. The School Committee will, as at present, regulate the teaching arrangements and discipline of the School, but be in subordination to the Council.

We are inclined to think that these new regulations will prove of mutual benefit to the Hospital and Medical School, as their interests will be made identical. Where the Nursing of a Hospital is concerned, it has been proved that the work is more harmoniously organized when the Training School is under the direct control of the Executive Committee of the Hospital than when controlled by an outside body.

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