

of 3·6 per cent. of the cases throughout London. The chairman also pointed out that, though the Prince of Wales' Hospital Fund would, if judiciously supported, be productive of much good, that the money contributed to this fund must be in excess of what had been given to hospitals in the past, and not a transference, of what had formerly been given to an individual hospital, to a central fund. If friends of hospitals did this, they were not only doing no good, but they were doing a great deal of harm to hospitals.

The following is a list of legacies bequeathed by the late Miss Elizabeth Burman, of Birmingham, to local charities:—General Hospital, £1,000; Hospital for Women, £1,000; Birmingham and Midland Eye Hospital, £1,000; Deaf and Dumb Institution, Edgbaston, £500; Institution for the Blind, Edgbaston, £500; Midland Counties Idiot Asylum, Knowle, £500.

The numerous friends who contributed so liberally to the success of the bazaar held in December last in aid of the Manchester Hospital for Consumption, will hear with pleasure that the substantial sum of £8,900 has been added to the funds by the bazaar and the operatic performance at the Theatre Royal. The hospital now contains fifty beds. A somewhat new departure is to be made, owing to the limited space of the building at Bowdon. Four beds are to be arranged for in places deemed suitable as regards climate and temperature, and the results of the experiment will be watched with interest, both by those particularly concerned with the alleviation of a dreadful disease and by the general public.

The new wards of the Monkwearmouth and Southwick Hospital have been formally opened by Lady Elizabeth Williamson, in the presence of a very large and influential company. The extension comprises four wards, viz., the Williamson Ward and the Addison Ward on the ground floor, and the Thompson Ward and the Branfoot Ward on the first floor. The first two are to be reserved for female patients. Altogether twenty-six new beds are to be provided, making a total in the institution of forty-two.

A National Hospital for Consumption for Ireland has been opened at Newcastle, co. Wicklow. The motto over the portals is, "Let none abandon hope who enter here," and the object of the institution is to afford facilities for treatment of the disease at an early and curable stage. In accordance with the approved modern method of isolating patients suffering from phthisis, because of the contagious nature of the disease, and the facility with which it is propagated among those whose constitutions predispose them to take it accommodation has been provided for twenty-four patients in separate bedrooms. All these rooms face south, and are connected with the central group of offices by glass-roofed buildings which can be used as recreation rooms in wet weather. Each patient is supplied with 5,000 cubic feet per hour. The lady superintendent and matron of the hospital is Miss Gertrude Powell, who received her training at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin. Dr. B. H. Steede is resident physician.

Items of Interest.

IT is reported that Dr. Koch has discovered a process by which cattle can be rendered immune from rinderpest by means of a mixture of serum and virulent rinderpest blood. The treatment produces active immunity within a fortnight. Dr. Koch is now making further researches with the view of discovering whether immunity can be obtained in a still shorter period. He is convinced that rinderpest can be eradicated within a short time and with little difficulty by these methods.

Professor Haffkine, after a careful examination of grain and flour, in Bombay, to ascertain whether the plague microbe could be conveyed to these foodstuffs, reports that no trace of bacilli could be found.

Cholera has broken out at the relief works in the native State of Rewa, India, where it has caused 160 deaths in two days. The officials are taking energetic steps to prevent the disease spreading to Allahabad and the central provinces.

"Beauty is only skin deep," and apparently *colour* is so also. It is a well-known fact that in dusky races if the cuticle be incised the sub-cutaneous tissues present an appearance exactly similar to that to which we are accustomed in our English theatres, and that wounds heal with white cicatrices. It is perhaps not so generally known that the babies of black parents are practically born white, though the dark colour begins to show itself very quickly, or that even in the adult the palms of the hands, and the soles of the feet are white also.

A workman named Patrick Butler is at present in the Sunderland Infirmary suffering from an injury to his wrist. The man's life was probably saved owing to the prompt application of first aid principles by a youth of seventeen years of age, named F. Thubron, who found him lying in Fawcett Street in a fainting condition, on Monday, bleeding from a severed artery in the wrist. Thubron picked up a piece of coal, and, putting it in his handkerchief, applied it as a tourniquet to the main artery of the arm, twisting the handkerchief up with a lead pencil. Butler is progressing favourably, but without prompt assistance he might have bled to death.

It is now definitely arranged that the tenth annual Cookery and Food Exhibition shall be held from May 12th to May 19th, at the Niagara Hall, St. James's Park, a building admirably adapted for the purpose.

The annual general meeting of the Jeyes' Sanitary Compounds Company, Limited, was held on the 18th inst. After making ample provision for depreciation, &c., and placing £2,711 15s. 4d. to reserve fund, a dividend was declared at the rate of ten per cent per annum, free of income tax. A balance of £650 1s. 11d. was carried forward to the new account.

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