

for urgency cases only; that the nurses' home, and part of the out-patients' department at the back be removed, that the Peel and Wellington monuments, on the Esplanade, be placed on another part of the site; that part of the land be dedicated to the public, as an open space, that another portion of the Infirmary plot thus rendered available be devoted to street improvements, and that the Infirmary proper be removed elsewhere." The joint committee are agreed that £286,000 would be a fair and equitable price for the plot of land, which, if this plan were carried out, would be for disposal. This is a large sum, but, as the situation is central, and one of the best in the city for commercial purposes, the price cannot be considered exorbitant, and it is to be hoped that the Corporation of Manchester will see its way to securing the site. Possibly some scheme might be carried out on the lines adopted by the Metropolitan Asylums Board in building their new fever hospitals, whereby the cost will be gradually defrayed by the ratepayers in the course of years.

At the Annual Meeting of the Lincoln County Hospital, the Secretary made the satisfactory announcement that during the past year the income had exceeded the expenditure by £208 10s. 1d.

Mr. Fielding Johnson, in presenting a report of the finances of the Leicester Infirmary to the quarterly meeting of the Board of Governors, said it was many years since he had had such a favourable statement to bring before the Board. On the 1st January, 1898, the balances of the institution were as follows:—Infirmary, £2171 6s. 5d.; Children's Hospital, £102 2s. 8d.; medical library, £26 0s. 5d.; chaplain's fund, £38 5s. 6d. They had received, as the proceeds of the Bazaar organized by Mrs. de Lisle, £2601, and they were mainly indebted to this lady for the satisfactory position in which they now stood.

Mrs. de Lisle and Mr. Albert C. Faire were subsequently elected honorary Life Governors of the Infirmary in recognition of their valuable services in connection with the Bazaar.

Mr. J. Alsop, the clerk to the Newton Abbot Guardians, has resigned the office which he has held for upwards of forty-seven years, to the great regret of all with whom he has worked.

The Liverpool City Council propose to purchase the estates known as Harbreck House, and Harbreck Farm, Fazakerley, with the view of increasing the hospital accommodation for infectious cases for the City of Liverpool.

The Annual Dance of the patients of the Richmond Lunatic Asylum, organized by the medical superintendent, Dr. Norman Conolly, was a great success. About five hundred patients were present, besides a large number of visitors.

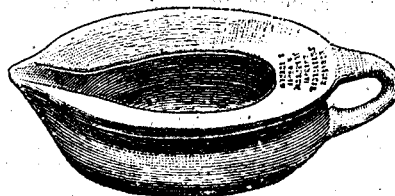
According to a communication recently read before the Paris Academy of Medicine, the floors of dwellings are as fruitful and dangerous a cause of infection as

drinking water. It is stated that, with the exception of typhoid fever and cholera, which are almost always spread by means of water, by far the greater part of other infectious maladies, such as the eruptive fevers, diphtheria, pneumonia, and, above all, tuberculosis, almost always arise from germs preserved in dust, except when direct infection takes place.

We regret to record that, in spite of the precautions taken, the plague has broken out in the dominions of the Nizam of Hyderabad.

Inventions, &c.

We should advise those of our readers who desire to obtain surgical appliances or nursing requisites to pay a visit to the Pharmacy of Messrs. Davies & Long, 48, Dorset Street, Portman Square. Messrs. Davies & Long make a special point of catering for the needs of nursing homes and private nurses, and show many novel and useful appliances which have the further merit of being most moderate in price. Amongst these we may mention the "Nurse Richards" bed-pan, of which we give an illustration, placed at our disposal by Messrs. Davies & Long. This bed-pan appears to us to have many merits. It is shallow, and therefore presumably less uncomfortable than the ordinary shape. The rim is concave instead of the ordinary convex shape, and



an even more welcome and practical novelty still is that opposite to the handle the continuity of the rim is broken by a lip, by which the emptying and cleansing of the bed-pan is much facilitated. Nurses accustomed to the difficulty of thoroughly cleansing the old-fashioned bed-pan and of emptying it by means of the tubular handle, will appreciate this innovation. Another appliance which we noticed was a portable electric call bell, which would be most useful to private nurses, or for use in cottage hospitals or private nursing homes. The price of this is most moderate.

There are also on view excellent sprays and atomisers, as well as many other desirable nursing requisites, but we have, we think, said enough to induce those nurses who are keen to search out novelties connected with their work to pay a visit to Dorset Street and investigate these for themselves.

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