

the lower working classes were provided for, there was a class, which he might call the upper working class, who had not been provided for, so far, in the way intended when the hospital was founded. He suggested that the out-patient department might be used as a provident dispensary in the morning, and this was supported by the Chairman.

A new Nurses' Home, in connection with the Brownlow Hill Workhouse Infirmary, is in process of erection. The Home will accommodate sixty nurses, and it is estimated that the cost, inclusive of furniture and fittings, will be £11,350. The building is constructed on the ground and first floors with the existing Nurses' Home by means of a glass-covered corridor. Special attention has been paid to the ventilation of the building. The cubicles are divided by walls, but the door openings have been carried up to the ceiling, and the upper portion filled in with moveable fanlights, which will act as ventilators into the main corridor.

As an outcome of many meetings recently held in Liverpool, Southport, St. Helens, and elsewhere, it has been decided that the Lancashire County Memorial to the late Countess of Lathom shall take the form of a fund for a district nurse to work among the sick and suffering poor of Skelmersdale and Lathom, but who will be attached to the Cottage Hospital at Ormskirk. The sum of £3,000 will be required as an endowment to support a nurse in perpetuity, and the appeal of the committee for subscriptions and donations towards this amount should meet with a generous response, for no more fitting scheme could be devised to keep ever fresh the fragrant memory of one whose whole life was spent in helping those in need.

It is stated that the man who was condemned to death for attempting to assassinate the King of Greece, has presented a petition in which, declaring himself to be consumptive, he appeals for the remission of the death penalty in accordance with a statute which exempts from execution condemned persons suffering from a mortal malady. We have no doubt King George, who is the kindest of men, will grant this man his worthless life.

It is stated that a four-inch circular saw for the amputation of limbs is being installed at the Emergency Hospital at Boston. It is claimed that not only does the saw cut much faster than a hand tool, but the heat of its rapid cutting sears the flesh and bloodvessels, and so advances the healing processes of nature.

An inquest was recently held owing to the death of a patient who was under treatment at the "Notting Hill Gate Free Hospital," as he had been treated only by unqualified persons. In the course of the evidence it transpired that the patient was treated as an out-patient by "Professor" D'Oairdi for rheumatism and a weak heart. "Nurse" Annie Bridge gave evidence that she was engaged at the hospital. She had had no training before going there. There was a staff of six nurses. Patients were treated for rheumatism and reputed incurable complaints. Nurses were sent out with apparatus, including that for the X rays. They used them for people who were blind. The jury returned a verdict that the professor should not apply electricity except under a doctor's orders and advice, and that only trained nurses should be engaged.

Our American Letter.

(From our Special Correspondent.)



NEW YORK City is to have an International Health Exposition this spring, during the month of May, and there is to be, in connection with it, an

exhibit made by training schools for nurses; the first thing of the kind attempted since the World's Fair, and which promises to be of quite an interesting character. The nursing exhibit grew in a natural way from a small beginning, and was not, at first, a part of the plan of the originators of the Health Exposition. The Bellevue Graduates' Registry has, since its formation, established a course of lectures and demonstrations for its members, and last autumn, in arranging the course for the winter, it was thought that it would be an excellent idea to have an exhibit of appliances and materials belonging to nursing work, with anything new and interesting along that line as one of the weekly course. The intention at first was to hold it in the office of the registry, and Miss Wadley, the manager of the registry, whose idea indeed it was, undertook getting up this little exhibit with such energy, and found so much response among nurses, that it was soon felt that the office would be too small, and a small hall was decided on as a place suitable for the purpose. Then it was decided that it should be open for a week instead of a day. The co-operation of other schools was next asked, and such cordial response came that plans and projects outgrew the small hall entirely, and space in the Madison Square Garden building was considered. About this time, the International Health Exhibit being under way, its managers proposed to the nurses that they make their exhibit in conjunction with them, and the offer was gladly accepted, as it relieved the nurses of financial responsibility and business management. The decision was made about mid-winter, and since then rapid progress has been made, and the exhibit promises to be interesting and educational. The time has been too short for the "International" character of the exhibit to be well worked up. However, hospitals and training schools all over the world have been written to, and many will send models of uniforms, printed material, charts, and photographs. From the United States and Canada a large number of training schools and individual nurses will compete for the prize typhoid fever chart, and other exhibits are promised from different hospitals, although, of course, the chief exhibitors will be of New York City. All the training schools there are co-operating harmoniously, and also the alumnae associations of the different schools are working up exhibits. An interesting feature will be the various inventions of nurses themselves, of which there will be quite a number. The exhibit will be held during the latter part of April and through May.

The following interesting letter has been addressed to Superintendents of Training Schools by Miss Mary E. Wadley, the General Manager of the Trained Nurses' Educational Exhibit:—

"Your interest and co-operation are earnestly

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