

together with that of the fitting up and furnishing of the ward, has been generously defrayed by Mr. A. H. Kirk, architect, in memory of his deceased wife.

A grand Trades and Arts Exhibition, promoted by the Mayor, is to be held in October and November next, with the object of benefiting the funds of the North Riding Infirmary, North Ormsby Cottage Hospital, the Nurses' Home, and the Middlesborough medical charities generally. The Exhibition buildings cover an area of close upon 100,000 square feet. So far there is every prospect of success. The scheme has met with cordial support on all sides, and almost the whole space has been applied for.

One thousand pounds have been paid or promised towards the cost of accident wards at the Devonshire Hospital, Buxton. The operating room is fitted up with all the latest improvements. The provision of these wards will necessitate an expenditure, in addition from the hospital funds, of £500, to make further provision for the household.

The foundation stone of a new wing for the Warminster Cottage Hospital was recently laid by Miss Smith of Boreham Terrace, Warminster, after a service conducted by the Rev. Sir J. E. Philipps, founder of the Hospital. The wing will be built of Frome stone with Bath stone dressing, and will contain a men's ward to hold five beds, two probationers' bedrooms, servants' rooms, baths, lavatories, and other offices. Some months ago Miss Smith generously presented to the trustees the sum of £5,000 for the erection and endowment of a men's ward.

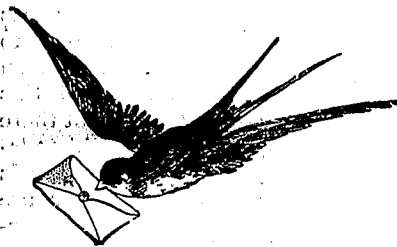
The Congress of the Institute of Public Health was opened at Trinity College, Dublin, last week, by Sir Charles Cameron, president of the Hygiene Congress, who received the members. Academic and municipal officials wore their robes, and military officers their uniforms, so that the scene was a brilliant one.

The Health Exhibition, in connection with the Hygienic Congress of Public Health, was opened by his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant at the Royal University Buildings. The Viceroy drove in State from the Vice-regal Lodge, accompanied by her Excellency the Countess Cadogan; the hall in which the opening ceremony took place proved all too small for the occasion. The exhibits, which are varied and interesting, have been admirably arranged, and the exhibition should prove a great success. At the Conference, held in connection with the exhibition, many excellent papers were read. The Conference of Army Medical Officers, as well as that of Medical Officers of Health was also of great interest.

The *Shanghai Mercury* says: During the continued cloudy weather prevailing at Kaikiang, recently, there was a man parading the streets selling bottled sunshine! He announced that an English firm of merchants had bought up the sun, and that he was their agent to dispose of it. He was selling prescriptions at two cash a copy, telling the ignorant how they might obtain their share of old Sol. Now we know why we had such a dull time of it in London in the early part of this season. We are not all surprised to learn that the rapacious speculator is prepared to bottle sunshine and export it—patriotism at a premium indeed.

## Our Holiday Letters.

[FROM AMSTERDAM.]



FROM Antwerp to Amsterdam is quite an easy journey, and is certainly well worth making. Most people going from Antwerp there will

break their journey at the Hague for a few days; indeed, a week is none too long in which to explore the beauties of the Hague, Scheviningen, Delft, and Rotterdam. We are, however, at present concerned with Amsterdam, which is a most quaint and delightful place, and most especially with the Wilhelmina Hospital, for to see that was the main purpose of my visit to the northern capital.

It will be seen from the accompanying picture that the Hospital is a charming one. It is built on the pavilion system, and contains upwards of 700 beds, so that it had quite the appearance of a village. The Matron is Meuffrouw Kruysee, a Dutch lady who received her training at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, and afterwards worked as a Queen's Jubilee Nurse in Dublin. She subsequently did district work in Holland until she was asked when Miss Reynvaan—who will always be remembered as having organized the nursing at the Wilhelmina Hospital—retired, to succeed her. Imagine in England being *asked* to take the Superintendence of the Nursing in a hospital of 700 beds! It is a honour of which Meuffrouw Kruysee may be justly proud. The system of training seems to be admirable. There is a three years' course for the nurses, with an examination at the end, maternity and fever work being included in the course, and at the end of their three years' training they are expected to undertake mental nursing for the fourth year. All the Sisters in the Hospital have had this training in mental nursing. The Wilhelmina therefore seems to have arrived at a satisfactory solution of the mental nurse difficulty, and to train her in the only rational way by giving her a general training before the special one. Another interesting point in the training at the Wilhelmina is that male as well as female Nurses are trained, the male nurses going in for their examination at the end of their three years in the same way as the female ones. They prove themselves quite satisfactory.

A special feature of this hospital are the different blocks for the various infectious diseases. Measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria, and enteric. All these are nursed in separate pavilions—and very charming they are—with accommodation for the nurses as well as the patients. No enteric is nursed in the general wards. It is not considered safe. It was pleasant, after my experiences in Belgium, to go round the wards of this well ordered hospital with the Matron, and to notice the admirable arrangements, and the evident good nursing which prevailed. Besides the general wards the Matron supervises the Dispensary which is under the charge of a fully qualified lady dis-

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