

gold medals and prizes, many of them at the leading exhibitions of the world, a fact which goes far to prove the assertion of the firm, that their Vegetable Extract and Vegetable Soup Tablets are rapidly attaining a leading position amongst the foods of the people.

A very serious matter is the report of the Caterham Asylum Committee that the death of a patient from the effects of burns has occurred. The Committee said that they could not overlook the fact that if the nurse had not broken the rules, by sending the patient to light a fire in her bedroom, the accident would probably not have happened. On account of the nurse's long service she had not been dismissed, but severely reprimanded.

The Annual Christmas Tree which is organized in Middlesborough in connection with the Nurses Home, by Miss Purvis, the energetic Matron, was this year more largely attended than any of the preceding ones. No less than 600 poor children of the borough sat down to tea, and afterwards received gifts from the tree which were dispensed by Lady Zetland, in the capacity of fairy godmother. When Miss Purvis first began these treats eight years ago, for small patients of the nurses, and the children of their adult patients, the children were like so many wild animals, but now their behaviour will compare favourably with that of children in any rank of life, and Miss Purvis and her staff were not a little proud of their well-behaved guests. They demonstrated the effect of the influence of district nurses on their daily rounds.

During the recent gale the temporary isolation hospital at Bromsgrove, was partially demolished. The patients were happily uninjured, and were in a few minutes removed by the nurses to another structure.

Julian Rowland, who described himself as a surgeon, under the name of Edward Joseph Nugent, whose assistant he at one time was, was charged at the Central Criminal Court with manslaughter. Also with giving a false certificate of death, and with committing wilful and corrupt perjury at an inquest held by the Coroner of West Ham. He was sentenced to three years penal servitude.

The English colony there have decided to establish at Rome a hospital where all English people will be admitted free of charge. It is expected that the hospital, which will cost £7,000, will be ready next year.

Professor Dr. Von Brune who recently studied the action of the dum-dum bullet, has now investigated the "new English explosive bullet" first used at Omdurman. He has arrived at the conclusion that the latter is hardly less cruel than the dum-dum bullet, and pleads for impartial tests both from the military and surgical point of view, and that the results be made public.

The Secretary of State for India, and the Foreign Powers have been informed that cases of plague have appeared at Calcutta. The disease is also declared to have become indigenous at Vellore in the Madras Presidency.

The *Times of India* publishes an extraordinary account of the plague outbreak in Samarkand. The outbreak occurred at the village of Anzop, which is situated on an almost inaccessible mountain crag 14,000ft. high. When the Russian doctors arrived they found, among the 600 persons of which the population consisted, 300 cases of plague. All but three cases terminated fatally. Dr. Lieven, one of the members of the party, had brought from Bombay a supply of Dr. Haffkine's prophylactic, and with this the survivors were inoculated. After this treatment there were no new attacks, and the last death occurred four days after Dr. Lieven's arrival. This result is regarded in India as a triumph for the Haffkine method of treatment.

Dr. Guerard, the special expert appointed by the New York Legislature to examine into the spread of tuberculosis in New York City, has made a startling report, showing the communicability of the disease in what corresponds to the Whitechapel district in London. Of 663 houses, there were 248 in which consumption was found; there being in three years 541 cases. Many of these houses had had cases every year for three consecutive years.

Dr. Guerard's conclusion is that houses badly infected should be torn down to prevent the spread of the disease.

In the entire city during the past five years nearly twenty-three per cent. of all the houses had inmates who died from tuberculosis. These statistics have created somewhat of a sensation.

Our Foreign Letter.

NURSING AT TORONTO.

A large and brilliant audience recently met in the amphitheatre of the General Hospital, to witness the Graduating Exercises in connection with the Training School for Nurses.

The nurses appeared in the dainty blue and white uniform of the School, and lent an attractiveness to the scene which uniformity of costume always tends to produce.

The Chairman of the evening was Mr. Walter S. Lee, President of the Board of Trust. Happy and encouraging addresses were delivered by the Rev. Drs. Pearson, Gillespie, A. H. Baldwin, Dr. Chas. Sheard, M.D., and others, and an interesting programme of vocal and instrumental music was rendered.

The annual report as follows was read by Miss Snively (Superintendent of the School):—

REPORT OF THE TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES, TORONTO GENERAL HOSPITAL.

"The seventeenth year of the history of our Training School for Nurses has been completed, the Report of which I now beg to submit.

During the year, six hundred and forty-four applications have been received, twenty-seven of these have been accepted and enrolled as pupils, and ten have been dropped from the roll. There are six graduate nurses, fifty-two pupil nurses and probationers at present in the school, and a class of eleven graduates this evening. In addition to these we have a head nurse and assistant in the Emergency Branch on Bay Street.

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)