

Incurables, Donnybrook, and others. It is understood that besides special bequests of £1,000 each, the Richmond Hospital will receive £10,000, and Sir Patrick Dun's £6,000. Mr. Weir was of Scottish birth, but his large fortune was made in trade in Dublin.

A grand garden fête in aid of Dr. Steevens' Hospital Nurses' Home was held at Killarney Wood, Bray, last week. The fête was under the patronage of her Excellency the Countess Cadogan, and of the Right Hon. Viscount and Viscountess Powerscourt.

The total number of cases of plague at Alexandria up to the present is thirty-nine, of which fifteen have terminated fatally.

Much amusement and excitement was caused recently by a cyclist, who carried a giant dummy feeding bottle on his back, on which were the words "Mellin's Food." The route taken was by the Crystal Palace, Thornton Heath, Selhurst, Croydon, through various villages on to Merstham, Redhill, and Earlswood, from whence he returned to London, passing through Reigate, Sutton, Streatham, and Brixton. A great deal of cheering and laughter greeted the cyclist en route, and this served only to attract more attention. The cyclist was kind enough to offer several interested spectators a taste of the noted "Mellin's Food" by holding out the teat, but many seemed to scorn the idea of ever having to resort to "Mellin's Food," and although a great number (including some policemen) endeavoured to keep a straight face, they were ultimately compelled to give way to a good hearty laugh.

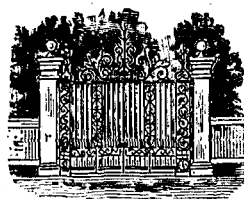
## Preparations, Inventions, etc.

### Fry's COCOA.

WHAT to drink is a question of some importance, more especially to those whose work entails much brain exhaustion. Stimulants, we are told, are an especial danger to the brain worker, tea in large quantities is bad for the digestion, and ruins the nervous system, and few of the aerated waters, whose name is legion, seem to meet our requirements. But there is no doubt that a really good cocoa acts as both food and drink; it supplies the liquid needed by the body to keep it in health, in a palatable form, and it acts as a gentle stimulant. It, therefore, fulfils all the requirements of an ideal drink. Having decided this point, the next which must engage our attention is to find a good and reliable cocoa, and in the front ranks of the many which now demand the attention of the public is that prepared by Messrs. J. S. Fry and Sons, Bristol. It is noteworthy that this firm is the oldest in the manufacture of cocoa, and that it is still the largest—facts which speak eloquently for the reputation which Messrs. Fry have established. Those of our readers who desire a pure and wholesome beverage cannot do better than obtain a tin of Fry's Pure Concentrated Cocoa.

## Outside the Gates.

### WOMEN.



WE are glad to learn that the State of Illinois has voted £1,800 for a marble statue of the late Miss Frances Willard, to be placed in the Statuary Hall, in the Capitol at Washington. Miss Willard was born at Charleville, New York, but all her mature life was connected with the State of Illinois, and she was one of the Professors of the North-Western Female College at Chicago. It is fitting that public recognition should be made of the work of this great and talented woman.

Anyone passing down Baker Street on Thursday and Friday last week must have been aware that something unusual was going on, and upon inquiry found out that Bedford College, the oldest Ladies' College in London, is keeping high festival, as it is this year celebrating its jubilee. The festivities began with a Conference in the Portman Rooms, at which Miss Anna Swanwick, LL.D., presided. She was supported by Professor R. C. Jebb, Visitor of the College, and a number of past students wearing Academic gowns. Miss Swanwick, who placed the LL.D. gown recently conferred upon her by the University of Aberdeen over the back of her chair, in her opening remarks detailed many interesting experiences of the time of the pioneer stage of women's education, when Bedford College stood almost alone.

Miss Henrietta Busk followed, and mentioned many notable names which find place in the College registers, amongst these being George Eliot, Miss Muloch, Lady Romilly, Lady Belcher, Lady Bell, Lady Pollock, Lady Belper, and Miss Margaret Howitt.

Miss Manning, who entered the College in 1850, together with two Indian girls in the College, pleaded for more educational help for the women of India. Miss Beatrice Harraden, B.A., in a happy speech, spoke of the value of a degree to the literary aspirant. "Oh! You're a B.A., I see," said a publisher, looking at her card, "pray take a seat."

Miss Ethel Hurlbatt, the charming and talented Principal of the College, gave an interesting address, in the course of which she spoke of the difficulties of life as the "granite of which strong walls are built."

At the conclusion of the Conference, those present adjourned to the College for tea, after which the building was inspected, the beautiful floral decorations exciting much admiration.

At the *Conversazione* of the Royal Society, held at Burlington House last week, extreme interest was excited by the experiments shown by Mrs. Ayrton, on the Hissing of the Electric Arc. Mrs. Ayrton is a member of the Society of Electrical Engineers, the only lady who has so far been accorded this distinction. Our readers are aware that the Professional Subcommittee of the International Congress has had the great advantage of Mrs. Ayrton's co-operation and advice, and that she is taking the chair in the Science Session of the Congress.

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