

another large consignment of goods has been received which, it is estimated, will realize a considerable sum.

The total number of patients treated in the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary during the past year amounted to 9,694, 4,414 of the cases being medical and 4,625 surgical. During the year a new operating theatre has been built and furnished, and a house has also been purchased and furnished as a Nurses' Home of Rest.

The medical faculty of the University of Heidelberg has decided to admit female students on the same terms as "regular" male students—that is to say, they must produce a "maturity" certificate from a German gymnasium.

Bartholdi's colossal statue of "Liberty Enlightening the World," at the entrance of New York Harbour, is apparently to have a rival. Mr. O'Sullivan, the Minister of Public Works in New South Wales, proposes to erect in Sydney Harbour a similar gigantic statue of "Australia Facing the Dawn."

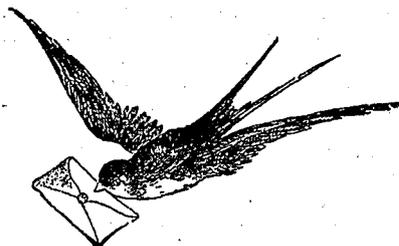
A new cure for leprosy is reported in a plant called *tua-tua* found in Venezuela, where wonderful stories of its efficacy are current. The authorities at Washington attach much importance to the discovery and the plant is to be tried in the leper hospitals of Hawaii and Guam.

According to *Truth*, the dispute between the Lieutenant-Governor of Burma and the public of Rangoon regarding the management of the Dufferin Maternity Hospital in that city still rages furiously. One of the latest developments has been the holding of a meeting of the general committee, at which adherents of Sir F. Fryer who had never been elected members were present and voted, and from which representatives of the newspapers were excluded for the first time in the history of the hospital. With the aid of the score or so of outsiders who were thus brought in, the Governor managed to carry by a small majority his proposal to allow the privilege of private practice to the new resident lady doctor, whose appointment he secured by the high-handed methods described a month or two ago. Sir F. Fryer is evidently determined to carry out his own views concerning the management of the hospital without reference to the wishes of the local subscribers, and the result of all this strife must inevitably be damaging to the work of a most admirable charity.

The death of Mr. Robert Collum, of Surbiton, removes a noteworthy member of the medical profession. Amongst other stirring episodes in which he has taken part was that which occurred on the *Zenobia* in 1842, when Sir Charles Napier set out from Bombay for Scinde. Cholera of the most malignant type broke out on board, and of the 200 soldiers carried on the ship the bodies of 64 were thrown overboard in eight days. Sailors, women, and children also died of the disease, and in addition to his medical duties which must have taxed all his resources, Dr. Collum acted as pilot to the ship. Writing of the voyage, Sir W. Butler said: "The worst scene of carnage on the battlefield could be nothing to this awful visitation. Never did soldier proceed to a scene of action under more terrible conditions." Amongst other offices held by Dr. Collum, he filled that of President of the Royal College of Surgeons for seven years.

## Our Foreign Letter.

### N.S.W. TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION.



THE following account of a special meeting of the New South Wales Trained Nurses' Association has been forwarded to us by a correspondent in

that Colony:—"A special meeting of the members of this association was held in the rooms of the Royal Society, on December 1st, to amend the constitution and rules of the association, and to transact other business. The President (Dr. Manning) was in the chair, and a large number of members (medical practitioners, matrons of hospitals, sisters and nurses) were present. The hon. secretaries reported that the association now numbered 227 members, of whom 174 were matrons of hospitals, sisters, and nurses, 50 medical practitioners, and three honorary members, and that a number of other applications for membership had been received and would be considered at the next meeting of the council. Sir James Fairfax forwarded his resignation of the office of hon. treasurer owing to his departure for Europe, and Mr. J. O. Fairfax, who had consented to act, was elected hon. treasurer in his stead. The resignation of Mrs. Gurney, a member of the council, which was forwarded owing to Mrs. Gurney's anticipated absence from the colony for some months, was accepted with regret. A wish having been expressed by the matron and sisters of the Melbourne Hospital and by nurses in other colonies to become members of the association, it was resolved, on the motion of Mrs. Joseph Graham, that the name of the association be altered to 'the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association.' After some further amendments in the constitution of the society had been disposed of, among them being one to admit trained 'male,' as well as 'female' nurses to membership of the association, Miss Gould moved the following resolution, which was carried, and will henceforth form the basis on which candidates for registration and membership of the association will be received:—"Candidates for registration must produce proof—(a) that they have been engaged for three years in general hospitals recognised by the council, and containing not less than 40 beds; or (b) that they have been engaged for four years in a country district, or suburban hospital recognised by the council, and containing not less than 20 beds, and have been trained at that hospital under a matron or nurse who holds a certificate from a training school for nurses recognised by the council of this association; or (c) that they have been engaged for five years in a private, country, district, or suburban hospital recognised by the council, and containing not less than 10 beds, and have been trained at that hospital under a matron or nurse who holds a certificate from a training school for nurses recognised by the council of this association. Furthermore, all candidates must give references as to their moral character, produce certificates of competency

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