

lighted by electricity, contains the combustion furnace and all the appliances for conducting ultimate analyses, a large electric motor for working the shaking and stirring apparatus, the drug mill, etc., and a dark-room adapted for polarimetric or photographic work. In direct communication with the basement are dry and commodious vaults, which afford ample room for the storage of the heavier chemicals and the reserve stock of glass ware, etc. By means of a small lift articles may be conveniently transported from the basement to any floor of the building.

From this brief description, and the accompanying photographic illustrations, it will be seen that the Wellcome Chemical Research Laboratories are unique in their appointments and in the purpose they are designed to accomplish.

Although too short a time has elapsed since the establishment of these laboratories to afford much material for a historical retrospect, their present measure of success enables the hope to be confidently entertained that they will justify the expectations of their founder and of those who are in sympathy with the work which they aim to accomplish.

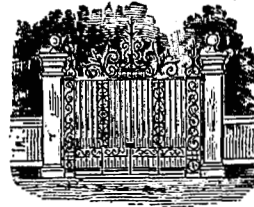
### Tropical Medicine.

ON Monday a meeting was held at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, and was attended by medical professors from America and elsewhere. A resolution was passed calling upon the British Government to improve the conditions of life in the tropics by the segregation of Europeans and improved water supply and sanitation. Comparisons unfavourable to Britain were made with Germany, which had voted £6,000, and the United States, which had sent medical expeditions to Cuba and the Philippines. Professor Flexner, of Pennsylvania, who recently returned from the Philippines, said the American troops there were suffering similarly to the British in South Africa, where regiments were decimated by dysentery and enteric, which were in most part preventable.

At the close of a banquet in Liverpool, on the evening of the same day, to the members of a research expedition to the Amazon, Mr. A. L. Jones offered £1,000 towards the erection of a Tropical Diseases Hospital in Liverpool in connection with the Southern Hospital, and in association with the name of the late Miss Mary Kingsley. He also announced contributions of £500 each from the Hon. R. B. Blaize, of Lagos, and Mr. John Holt, of Liverpool, towards the same object.

### Outside the Gates.

#### WOMEN.



THE Woman - Writers' Dinner is always an inspiring function, and each year it seems to grow more popular. On Monday last, upwards of two hundred writers, poets, novelists and and journalists, met together at the Criterion, under the Chairmanship of

Mrs. Humphry Ward, and a very brilliant company they were, not only were all the faces bright with intelligence and smiles, but one caught snatches of witty speech, and a glimpse of the latest fashion. Indeed, as Miss Tynan pithily remarked, "Grub Street had vanished for ever from their midst."

On the menu we will waste no time, no doubt it was excellent, but the table decorations claim a word of admiration. Roses, roses everywhere, of all shades, and scents divine. We sat between two delightful women, whose conversation so sped the fleeting hours that the chairman rose and led the way to the drawing-room at what appeared quite an early hour.

Mrs. Humphry Ward's address was, of course, full of subtle power, and in honour of our women poets; and Mrs. Hinkson (K. Tynan) charmed all with her sweet Celtic brogue and wit.

Who was there? Why, the majority of women who have written stuff worth reading, and who can say things worth hearing, and who get things worth working for—a gathering, indeed, to which one accepts an invitation with pride, and the memory of which is keenly pleasant, and upon the success of which the hon. secretaries, Miss G. M. Ireland Blackburne and Miss L. R. Mitchell, are to be heartily congratulated.

Again the nation has to thank a woman for a display of inestimable generosity. On Friday last the magnificent collection of art treasures bequeathed to us by Lady Wallace was opened at Hertford House by the Prince and Princess of Wales, and it has thus remained for a woman to make the most magnificent bequest ever made to the nation by a private individual. The total value of the pictures, armour, furniture, jewellery, china, and every imaginable form of art work has been valued by experts at over five million pounds sterling.

Half way up the magnificent marble staircase which leads from the hall to the picture galleries is a plaque let into the wall, which bears this inscription:—

"The Wallace collection,  
bequeathed to the British Nation by  
Amélie, widow of Sir Richard Wallace,  
Bart., K.C.B., 1897."

Here is a palace of delight in which to spend many a "day off" for those who can appreciate its wealth of beauty.

The Annual Meeting of the Central Bureau for the employment of women, will take place at Queen's Hall (Small), on Thursday, July 5th, at 3.30 p.m. The chair

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