

He went on to express admiration of the nursing sisters who gave their services in the hot and enervating climate to attend the lepers, and his pleasure in hearing that the staff was to be increased. The public at large, and the lepers in particular, must be sincerely grateful to these noble sisters who, in the most self-sacrificing way, devote themselves to the service of these sufferers, who want for everything, and whose lives are one long story of pain and disease. No leper need now wander about, outcast and uncared for, subsisting on precarious alms, and a source of offence and danger to those who, by God's mercy, are now afflicted with the terrible disease of leprosy.

The Government has bestowed the Kaiser-i-Hind medal on Father Wehinger, an honour which Sir Frederic Fryer, took the opportunity of saying that he richly deserved, and that the fact proved that the Government recognised merit even when it was most unassuming.

Madame B. Maurel (*Arch. d'Electr. Med.*) gives an account of the service of medical electricity at the General Hospital of Tours as practised during the last six years. A special floor has been set apart for this service. There are four wards and a waiting-room. One of them contains the old apparatus for treatments with induction coils and influence machines, comprising Wimshurst, Bonetti, and Carré machines as well as "postes faradiques." The second ward is furnished with X-ray apparatus and high-frequency machines, together with an Oudin resonator. The third ward is set apart for gynaecology, and the fourth for galvanocautery. In the period of five years ending July, 1901, 717 cases were treated, 207 of which were sent for electro-diagnosis, while the rest consisted largely of cases of hemiplegia, rheumatism, uterine affections and constipation. The radiographs taken amounted to 217, and included cases of a revolver bullet lodged in the skull, and a child's gullet containing a sou piece. The authoress claims that, in spite of certain structural disadvantages of the establishment, the electro-medical wards offer all the facilities which can be expected of an hospital equipped in accordance with modern resources. The influence machines are employed for what is still called "franklinisation."

The Passing Bell.

We regret to record the death at the Officers' Military Hospital, Carnarvon, Cape Colony, of Nursing-Sister Georgina Doran, eldest daughter of Sir John Doran, K.C.B., and Lady Doran, of Ely House, Wexford.

The Hospital World.

THE BIRMINGHAM HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL.

For the greater part of last year the Birmingham and Midland Homœopathic Hospital in Easy Row has been closed, owing to extensive building operations being in progress. The whole of the older portion of the hospital has been rebuilt, and accommodation is now provided for fifty patients, twenty new beds being now added. The improvements also include a new operating theatre, three private wards, and well-arranged administrative and domestic accommodation. The re-opening of the hospital took place recently at the Annual Meeting, when the new block of buildings was opened by Mr. A. M. Chance, who was presented with a gold key as a memento of the occasion. There was a large attendance of the supporters of the institution, and in addition to Miss Tamar Bean, the Matron of the Hospital, whose excellent services to the institution are well recognised and appreciated, the Matrons of various other Birmingham Hospitals were present to show their sympathy with the occasion, including Miss Jones (Matron of the General Hospital) Miss Lloyd (Matron of the Children's Hospital), Miss Archibald (Matron of the Ear and Throat Hospital), Miss Marriott (Matron of the Eye Hospital), and Miss Peterkin (Lady Superintendent of the District Nursing Society).

Mr. Chance, in an eloquent speech, referred to the good work done by the nurses, and further made the practical suggestion in connection with hospital administration in Birmingham, that a Joint Educational Board should be formed by means of which the methods of administration of hospitals might be discussed, and ideas communicated. The managers of the Homœopathic Hospital would, he said, welcome such a movement, and Major-General Phelps said also, on behalf of the Hospital, that no committee would welcome a "Parliament of Hospitals" more than the Homœopathic Hospital. We hope the idea will be carried out, and that in the Parliament the Matrons of the Hospital concerned will represent nursing interests.

After the hospital had been formally declared open the visitors inspected the building, and were hospitably entertained to tea. The pleasant Nurses' Home and the charming homeliness of the hospital excited much admiration.

Up to the present about £20,000 has been spent upon the institution, and the fact that the debt upon it only amounts to £1,500 speaks volumes for the energy of those who have managed its affairs. We hope that shortly, by the generosity of the citizens of Birmingham, the Hospital will be cleared of the debt still remaining.

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