

with one exception, have come from Hammersmith. With the return of spring it is expected by the Board's officials that the disease will die out entirely. As regards fever and diphtheria, the figures are in every way satisfactory. The patients at present in the Board's fever hospitals number 4,223, but at the corresponding date last year they numbered 5,138, and the year previously 4,430.

Mr. H. J. Tresidder having on account of ill-health resigned the secretaryship of the National Orthopædic Hospital, Great Portland Street, Mr. Keith Anstruther has been appointed by the Committee of Management as secretary.

The Dean and Chapter of Westminster have forwarded to the Lord Mayor £200 in lieu of the usual offertory in the Abbey for the Hospital Sunday Fund. The Abbey was closed for the Coronation preparations on Hospital Sunday, and the contribution is made from the money paid by the public for viewing the Abbey after the Coronation was over.

Mr. Edgar Penman has been appointed Secretary to the British Home and Hospital for Incurables, Streatham, S. W., in the place of Mr. R. G. Salmond, deceased.

Efforts are being made by the President, Lord Leonfield, and the Board of Management of the Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, to improve the financial condition. At the present time £10,000 is required to free it from debt.

The Hospital Saturday collection on behalf of Birmingham charities amounted this year to £18,067, against £17,544 last year.

Penny subscriptions have provided Huddersfield Infirmary with an X-ray apparatus.

The managers of the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary solemnly debated the question this week whether or not it was proper to accept the surplus profits of a Sunday evening concert. It has been hinted to the managers that they should follow the course of the Roman Catholic priest who invited a subscription from an Englishman in Italy, and, when told that the gentleman was a Protestant, replied "All money is orthodox."

Mr. Henry Maitland, of Balmungo, has bequeathed £40,000 to various Scottish charities, £2,000 of which goes to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

Eighty-four thousand pounds has been bequeathed by a Moscow professor to found a home for physicians in necessitous circumstances.

From the *North China Herald* we learn that "in stead of fighting the cholera at Wenchow by cleansing the canals, thousands of dollars have been spent in making a boat for the spirits to travel away upon, and in discharging the necessary expense connected with inducing them to enter the boat. All the influential deities were congregated in great style at the temple of the God of the Eastern Peak, and after many days of processioning along every street of the city, the reciting of many prayers, the blazing off of many crackers, the pantheon set off late at night to escort the visiting demons to the river. It was a weird scene."

Nursing Requisites at Thomas Wallis and Co., Ltd.

Messrs. Wallis and Co.'s great establishment at Holborn Circus is too well known to and popular amongst nurses to need introducing to them, but at this time of year, when nurses are thinking of replenishing their wardrobes, it is useful to mention some of the leading specialties of this firm.

Of cloaks, one made in navy or black cloth with a detachable cape at 29s. 6d. is one of the most popular, while a circular cloak (the "Fowler"), with under fronts, and a hood lined with silk, from 21s. 6d., is much in demand.

Some of the bonnets are a marvellous combination of cheapness and good taste, a close-fitting straw, trimmed with velvet, at 6s. 6d., being specially tasteful. Bonnet strings, of tucked cambric, are to be had from 2½d. a pair. The caps are of good design, and very moderate in price, and we recommend matrons of hospitals and nurses to inspect them before deciding upon uniforms.

A specialty of this firm is its "surgical cape" in black cloth, lined throughout with scarlet flannel, which may be had from 11s. 6d., and is just the thing for wearing in draughty corridors or open spaces in crossing from ward to ward.

In other departments are also many desirable items. There is a warm dressing-gown in Moulton flannel, with girdle, specially designed for nurses, costing only 10s. 11d. Very pretty also is the "Juliet," made in cashmere, trimmed with silk, hemstitched, and lined throughout.

Some charming nightdresses of Ceylon flannel, embroidered, cost 12s. 11d., others in cream nun's veiling cost 8s. 11d. Very dainty nightdresses in nainsook are also obtainable at prices to suit all purses, even the most modest.

Pretty cambric camisoles and bodices for day and evening wear cost from 1s. 11d. to 10s. 11d., and those who cannot find amongst them something to suit them must be difficult to please.

King's Coronation Fund for Nurses.

A meeting of matrons and nurses interested in the King's Coronation Fund for Nurses was held last week in the Royal City of Dublin Hospital. All certificated nurses in the city were invited to attend, and many availed themselves of the opportunity. A statement drawn up by some of the leading matrons was submitted for approval.

In connection with the Fund Sir Algernon Coote has promised to give another £100 in addition to his previous donation of 100 guineas if £900 can be raised before the end of the year, or to make his total contribution 250, if £5,000 can be raised by the same date.

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