

New Preparations, Inventions, &c.

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Messrs. Thomas Wallis & Co., Ltd., of Holborn Circus, E.C., have a well-established reputation for the excellence of their nursing department, and London nurses are constantly in evidence in this establishment. Those resident in the provinces will doubtless be glad to know that the firm has recently issued a comprehensive and fully-illustrated catalogue, and nurses would certainly do well to write for this and keep it by them for reference. One of the specialties of this firm is a "Surgical Cape" in black cloth, and lined with scarlet flannel, neat in design, comfortable in use, and remarkably cheap at 11s. 6d. It is just the thing to wear in passing from ward to ward, or from wards to a Nurses' Home, when this entails crossing open spaces. The cloaks and bonnets are also excellent in design and reasonable in price, and cambric bonnet strings can be obtained from 2½d. a pair and upwards. In the boot and shoe department, as well as in the supplementary hosiery department, the prices are most moderate. Again, the dressing-gowns are attractive, and the prices begin well within the means of modest purses. It may also be added, for the benefit of provincial nurses, that purchases of the value of 20s. are sent carriage paid to any railway station in the United Kingdom.

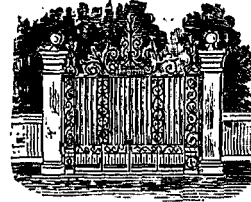
VIROL.

The great increase in the cost of cod-liver oil is doubtless the reason in part why its use has been superseded in many cases by Virol, which is an emulsion of bone marrow, malt extract, eggs, lime and lemon-juice. Yet the price of cod-liver oil would not deter medical practitioners from ordering it if they believed it to be essential to the good of their patients, and we believe the real reason for the increase in the sale of Virol is to be found in the statement of the chairman of the company, Mr. B. S. Straus, who said at the recent annual meeting Virol was supplied at a cheaper rate and was *preferred on its merits* to cod-liver oil. Consequently, hospitals and sanatoria are increasingly using it. When it is remembered that, owing to the increased price of cod-liver oil, inferior oils such as seal and shark are being placed on the market in substitution, the claims of Virol to a trial need no urging. It is supplied by Virol, Ltd., 52, Old Street, E.C.

It would seem that the company is in a prosperous condition, for the sales show a very substantial increase over the previous year, and the net profit, including the amount brought forward from last January, was reported as £7,337 8s. 5d.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



The Council of Westfield College, with Miss Maynard, the principal, received a large company on Saturday on the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of the new library buildings which are now in course of erection in compliance with the conditions of the University of London, to which the college has been affiliated. Westfield College, which is situated in Kidderpore Avenue, Finchley Road, was founded twenty-one years ago, and was then the only residential college, on the lines of those at Oxford and Cambridge, which had been provided for women studying for the London University degree, and it was started with the distinct object of providing for the "higher education of women on Christian principles." The cost of the new building, including furnishing, &c., is estimated at £4,000, of which about £3,300 has already been provided. The students come mainly from the North of England and Scotland, and from time to time have included girls from Canada, Holland, Sweden, and other countries.

The St. James's Hall demonstration on the London Education question proved a most enthusiastic and invigorating event.

Lady Aberdeen, who occupied the chair, opened with a brief speech, in which she declared that those present were there "as Liberals, as women citizens of London, and as mothers, to speak out their minds, and they rejoiced in the presence of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman to support them in their march round the walls of Jericho."

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, enthusiastically received, after referring briefly to attempts made in a certain quarter to "direct attention away from such puny parochial questions as the education of the young," said:

I do not know whether you have observed during the other wonders of the last few weeks that the doctrine—curious in their mouths—has been propounded by this strange Government of ours that great changes can only be made with the consent of the people. Never, never, never will they tax the food of the people without the consent of the people. Well, have the people of London ever asked for the destruction of the School Board? Have they ever asked for a system of school government which taxes them without giving them control, for the imposition of tests; have they clamoured for the removal of women as elected members, women who have done so much more than their own share of the good work which has been done for the children and the teachers of London? Have they demanded the transfer of the schools to an authority in the selection of which they have no direct voice?

If the Bill is to be passed we ought to direct all our efforts to make it as innocuous as possible, and let us wait in patience for the day when we shall be able to reverse the lamentable and retrograde steps of last year, and thus free our educational machinery from sectarian bias, and to create at last, what we ought to have had long ago, a free, democratic, national system of education from end to end of the country.

Lady Aberdeen read a letter from Mrs. Humphry

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