

water supply in case of fire. Experts have also decided that a new drainage system must be introduced.

GIFT TO BLACKBURN INFIRMARY.—At the monthly meeting of the Board of Management of the Blackburn Infirmary, the Chairman, Mr. Henry Harrison, reported the receipt of £1,000 from Mrs. Feilden, widow of the late Lieut.-General Feilden, C.M.G., of Witton Park, to endow a bed at the infirmary in memory of Randle Francis J. C. Feilden, Lieutenant, Scots Guards, who died June 22nd, 1885, and Cecil W. M. Feilden, D.S.O., Major, Royal Scots Greys, who was mortally wounded at Klippan, South Africa, February 20th, 1902.

THE SISTER DORA CONVALESCENT HOME, MILFORD.—The Wolverhampton General Hospital and the Staffordshire General Infirmary have decided to take over the management of the Sister Dora Home, provided that an annual subscription of £250 is obtained from the county.

IN THE ISLE OF WIGHT.—Osborne House is expected to be ready for the reception of convalescent officers of the Army and Navy in the course of a few weeks.

CARE OF BRISTOL LUNATICS.—At an estimated cost of £157,000, the Bristol Guardians have approved a scheme for the alteration of the existing and the provision of new workhouses. It is intended to remove from the present workhouses the imbeciles and epileptics, and to build a new institution for imbeciles at a cost of £100,000.

AT THE ROYAL INFIRMARY, EDINBURGH.—It is regrettable that the ordinary income of this institution is unequal to the ordinary expenditure, the deficit last year having been no less than £15,000. Fortunately, the legacies and large donations amounted to £47,000, but these should be invested to meet extraordinary expenditure, not absorbed in the current cost of maintenance.

The report to be submitted to the adjourned meeting of the Court of Contributors in this institution on the 18th inst. will show that Miss Louisa Stevenson and Miss A. C. Imlach are two of the six persons elected by the subscribers to represent them on the Board of Management for the year.

HELP FOR THE ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL, BELFAST.—The Misses Riddell, of Beechmount, have contributed to the funds of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, the sum of £10,000 as a memorial of their brother, Mr. Samuel Riddell.

AT THE SOMERSET HOSPITAL, CAPE TOWN.—The site for the Nurses' Home is, on the suggestion of the Government, to be arranged, as a matter of urgency, at a conference between a representative of the Public Works Department, the Board of Management, and the Medical Board, and the erection of the building is to be proceeded with at once.

AT CAPE TOWN.—The Dutch organ *Ons Land* attacks the South African Medical Congress for insisting that all doctors in South Africa must have British diplomas. It advises foreigners to appeal to the civil courts.

An Interesting Exhibition.

An interesting historical exhibition will within a few months be held in London of rare and curious objects relating to medicine, chemistry, pharmacy, and the allied sciences. It is being organised by Messrs. Burroughs, Wellcome and Co., and it goes without saying that anything undertaken by this firm, which during the past quarter of a century has made for itself a reputation second to none, will be well and thoroughly done.

Having had experience of two nursing exhibitions, one of which we organised, in the Women's Building of the World's Fair at Chicago, and the other at St. Martin's Town Hall, London, we have no hesitation in testifying to the exceeding usefulness and interest of such exhibitions. We look forward with pleasure to the exhibition now announced, and have no doubt that it will arouse much interest in nursing circles, for nursing is certainly one of the "allied sciences." It will be strictly professional and scientific in character, and, as will be seen from the syllabus, is of a comprehensive nature and designed to illustrate the development of the art and science of healing throughout the ages.

CLASSIFICATION OF EXHIBITS.

SECTION 1.—Paintings, drawings, engravings, photographs, medallions, and sculptures of historical interest of:—

(A) Distinguished physicians, surgeons, alchemists, apothecaries, chemists, nurses, &c.

(B) Antient British and foreign medical, chemical, and pharmaceutical institutions.

(C) Important events of medical, chemical, and pharmaceutical interest.

SECTION 2.—Rare and curious manuscripts, books, periodicals, pamphlets, and book-plates on and connected with medical, chemical, pharmaceutical, and allied scientific subjects.

SECTION 3.—Letters, prescriptions, autographs, records of experiments, diplomas, licences, instruments, apparatus, and other personal relics of medical, pharmaceutical, and chemical interest. Apparatus associated with important discoveries in medicine, chemistry, and pharmacy.

SECTION 4.—Curiosities of Medicine—

(A) *Materia Medica* of all ages (specimens of antient medicines in all forms).

(B) Formulæ of all ages.

(C) Antient and modern medicine chests—civil, military, and naval.

(D) Votive offerings for health, antient and modern amulets, medals, seals, emblems, charms, and talismans. Medical relics of savage and primitive peoples.

(E) Corporate insignia and diplomas of British and foreign colleges of physicians.

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