

able a position. To the determined effort to quench that spirit Miss Mollett alludes in the pathetic article which we publish in another column. How strong that spirit was only those know who have been in touch with it during the past sixteen years.

We believe that at the present time the explorers are beginning to see the result of their work, and that the principles for which they have so courageously contended are being daily more widely accepted. In this they will find their reward, for they are not animated by self-interest, and they have learnt that the things in the world which are most worth having are those which one has striven hardest to gain.

Annotations.

MANUFACTURED MILK.

When we consider how much we depend upon milk as an article of diet for the sick, the aged, and infants, we realise the necessity of maintaining the purity of the standard of that supplied to the public. We cannot, therefore, consider that a Chiswick milkman was hardly dealt with who was fined £3 for selling skim milk with 11 per cent. of added water. The defendant did not improve his position by his statement that they had been "very short of milk lately, and a powder was used to make the milk." "Milk" concocted by this remarkable method was made by a powder produced in court by the inspector, who said it had all the smell of fresh milk when newly made, and contained boracic acid as a preservative. In answer to the magistrate he expressed unwillingness to taste it, and suggested that a dog might be induced to taste the mixture. Poor Chiswick babies!

THE USE OF THE BIRCH.

Dr. F. E. Tayler, of Liverpool, school manager and police surgeon, strongly advocates corporal punishment for children when other methods have failed. He considers the birch a "capital instrument," and sees no reason why girls, up to the age of fourteen, should not be treated in the same way as boys. It is almost incredible in these days that we should find a medical man adopting such a position. We remember the story of a mother who announced her intention, whilst whacking her child, to "lamme it out of her," and the child's reply that she was "lamming it in." This is the usual result with natures which have any good in them.

Appointments.

LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

Miss Henrietta Preston has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the Prudhoe Memorial Convalescent Home, Whitley, Newcastle-on-Tyne. She was trained at the Hospital for Women, Liverpool, and the General Infirmary, Stockport, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the General Hospital, Stroud; Sister at Parkwood Convalescent Home, Swanley; and of Night Superintendent at St. Mark's Hospital, City Road, E.C. Since last May she has been Assistant Matron at the Prudhoe Memorial Home. We regret to learn that owing to ill-health the late Lady Superintendent, Miss Helena A. Gomme, is retiring from active work for a prolonged rest.

MATRONS.

Miss M. K. Phillips has been appointed Matron of the South Rotherham, Handsworth and Kiverton Park District Isolation Hospital. She was trained at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin, and has held the positions of Assistant Matron at the Borough Hospital, Wolverhampton, Matron of the Wellington Quay Joint Hospital, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and of Matron of the City Hospital, Wakefield.

Miss Sarah Green has been appointed Matron of the General Hospital, Mandalay, Burmah. She was trained at the Great Northern Central Hospital, London, where she subsequently held the positions of Theatre Sister and Night Sister. She has also worked for several years in India in connection with the plague nursing service, and was subsequently awarded the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

Miss Helen Rasey has been appointed Nurse-Matron at the Rodgett Infirmary of the Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster. She was trained at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, where she also held the position of Charge Nurse and Sister. She has also been Night Superintendent at the East Dulwich Infirmary.

SISTER.

Miss Ada Hambrook has been appointed Sister at the General Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Hull, and at Queen Charlotte's Lying-In Hospital, London.

Belfast Freedom for Mrs. Pirrie.

The Belfast Corporation has decided to confer the freedom of the city on Mrs. Pirrie, wife of the Right Hon. W. J. Pirrie, in recognition of her services to the community in inaugurating and raising by her zeal and personal influence a fund sufficient for the erection, equipment, and endowment of the Royal Victoria Hospital, which was opened last year by the King.

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