

pavilion. The washing of the soiled linen, &c., after certain precautions have been taken, is effected at the central laundry of the hospital.

At Cologne, small-pox cases are treated at the Augusta Hospital. This is a large general hospital, and no special pavilion is reserved for small-pox, but when a case occurs a pavilion is at once cleared of its patients and utilised for such case. The nurses and other members of the staff likely to be brought into relation with the small-pox case are at once re-vaccinated. Dr. Low describes the pavilion usually selected for the isolation of small-pox in their hospital as containing two large wards, each with seventeen beds, and three small private or observation wards, each with two beds—forty beds in all. There is a sleeping apartment for the nurses, a kitchen, scullery, and bathroom. The pavilion is situated about 30 ft. from the nearest adjoining pavilion, and about 35 ft. from the hospital boundary wall.

At Frankfort-on-Main, in like manner, small-pox cases are isolated at the General Hospital. There was an outbreak of the disease in the town in question and its neighbourhood in 1900, the total number of the cases being twenty-six. These were isolated in the General Hospital in a pavilion commonly used for other diseases, but emptied for the reception of small-pox as soon as a case of that malady is notified. A second pavilion adjoining can be used for the same purpose if an outbreak assumes large proportions. There is a separate laundry and mortuary for the portion of the hospital employed for infectious diseases, and that part of the site on which the small-pox cases are isolated is surrounded by a brick wall 7 ft. or 8 ft. high. The nurses detailed for small-pox nursing are at once re-vaccinated, and the assistant medical officer in charge, as well as the nurses, live within the walled-in area.

In Munich, which has upwards of half a million inhabitants, the sole provision for the isolation of small-pox cases is a single pavilion of fourteen beds at the General Hospital. The pavilion consists of two wards, and, upon occasion, "contacts" have been accommodated in one of these wards whilst cases of small-pox were being treated in the other. An open fence, 9 ft. from the pavilion, separates it from the rest of the hospital, and there are several buildings of various kinds—including a large institute for the deaf and dumb—within 150 ft. to 300 ft. of it. The administration is practically not distinct from that of the hospital generally.

Legal Matters.

AN ASSAULT ON A LUNATIC.

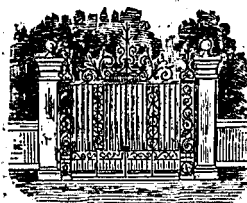
At the South Western Police Court, on Tuesday, May Louisa Hobbs, a former attendant, answered to a summons charging her with assaulting a patient at the Middlesex County Lunatic Asylum, Wandsworth Common. The assault consisted in smacking the patient's face. The magistrate observed that a patient's chances of recovery were prejudiced by ill-treatment. The defendant had, no doubt, lost her temper momentarily; but attendants unable to control themselves properly were not the proper persons to be entrusted with lunatics. He imposed a penalty of 40s.

As there is at present no system of registration, May Hobbs will, no doubt still be able to obtain employment as an attendant on the insane.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.

The Queen has accepted the position of Patron of the Society for Promoting Female Welfare.



Wednesday in last week was "commemoration day" at the Bedford College for Women, York Place, Baker Street, and there was a largely-attended reception after the presentation of degrees at the University of London. The guests, numbering upwards of 500, were received by Mr. A. H. D. Acland (chairman), Mrs. Ayrton, the Hon. Mrs. Bertrand Russell, Mrs. James Bryce, and Miss Busk, members of the Council, and by Miss Hurlbatt, the Principal. Forty-one students of the College were presented to the Chancellor, three for the M.A. degree, fifteen for the B.A. degree, six for the B.Sc. degree, sixteen graduates in Arts or Science for the teacher's diploma, and one student for a University scholarship. The whole College, including the libraries, laboratories, lecture-rooms, and residence, was open to the visitors. Bedford College is one of the constituent colleges of the University of London; and the only exclusively women's college in London recognised in both the faculties of Arts and Science, and the only college exclusively for women which receives a Parliamentary grant. The first scholarships ever offered to women were competed for at the College in 1851, and the College first gave to women the opportunity of studying science practically by opening laboratories for women in 1861. It now has 270 students, including six Colonial students and six foreign students representing five nationalities.

Mr. George Meredith has sent a letter to the Dorking Women's Liberal Association, from which the following is an extract:—

"At the present time women need encouragement to look out upon affairs of national interest, and men should do their part in helping them to state publicly what has long been confined to the domestic circle; consequently a wasted force.

"That it can be a force men are beginning to feel. That the exercise of it is an education for them we see already in the enlargement of their view of life and the country's needs. So there is hope that the coming generation will have more intelligent mothers. This holds true whatever side in politics they may take, and it is the main point.

"We who believe in Liberalism do not doubt that as their intellect expands and sharpens they will join with the party of progress which, without rejecting such wisdom as was given by our forefathers, aims at a condition of things in harmony with the wider and deeper knowledge we have won, the nobler ambition, and more human interest in the welfare of our fellows.

"By studying public matters diligently you (the association) will soon learn to perceive that there is no natural hostility between the sexes. Their interests are one when they have learnt to step forward together. It is among the lessons devolving upon them to teach the male kind who are not yet enough enlightened in that direction."

Mr. Meredith's letter should be an encouragement to those women who are already playing their part in political affairs.

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