Lady Frederick Cavendish, speaking at an influential meeting held at 16, Carlton House Terrace, in support of Mrs. Gladstone's Free Convalescent Home for the Poor, said that some people might object to the fact that the home was free, but she almost believed that Mrs. Gladstone would return from the other world to protest if that principle were abolished.

The twenty-third Annual Congress of the Royal Sanitary Institute, of which His Majesty the King is Patron, will be held at Bristol from July 9th to 14th inclusive. These Congresses are always most instructive, and the spread of sanitary science cannot fail to benefit the nation at large, by instilling a knowledge of methods which will prevent disease and make for healthy and happy homes. Further information may be obtained from the Secretary and Director, Royal Sanitary Institute, Margaret Street, W.

A drawing-room meeting was held on Saturday, the 17th, at 58, Green Street, Park Lane, by the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Von Braun. Dr. Jays, of the Church Missionary Society, gave an address on the medical mission work of the society in Yoruba, West Africa. The people were a typical negro race. A rather common idea prevailed that a negro must also be a savage, but they were far removed from that, and indeed had little or nothing to learn from us about manufactures by hand. Their looms for weaving were equal to our own, only narrower. They made good steel, were excellent farmers, and their laws were good. They had, however, little idea of the sacredness of human life. Medical missions were for the physical needs as well as the spiritual needs of the people, and in fact that was generally the only way by which they could be reached. Dr. Jays made an earnest appeal for increased financial support of this branch of the society's work.

The Annual Court of Governors of the Mount Vernon Hospital for Consumption (Hampstead and Northwood) was held at 7, Fitzroy Square, W., on Thursday last. Sir Benjamin Cohen presided.

The Children's Hospital at Sevenoaks has been fortunate hitherto in obtaining the services of its nursing staff without salary, but with the increased accommodation a larger staff will be necessary; it will be impossible to secure sufficient probationers who can afford to continue working without some remuneration. In future, therefore, a small salary is to be offered to all who are retained for more than a year. The Rev. Mr. Thompson said, at the annual meeting, that the committee was proud of its wonderful voluntary nursing staff, but it could not expect this to continue and it was now only just and fair to give all nurses their reasonable and proper remuneration. The hospital is making a special appeal for funds to meet this increased expenditure, and its cause is advocated by Sir William Broadbent, Mr. Haward, F.R.C.S., and Mr. Tubby, F.R.C.S. The hospital treats London children suffering from hip disease.

Legal Matters.

NURSE CHARGED WITH THEFT.

At Bow Street Police Court, on Saturday, Alice Nicholls, described as a nurse, was charged with theft.

Miss Elizabeth Camm stated that she was staying at the Nurses' Hostel, Francis Street, Tottenham Court Road, and recently made the acquaintance of Miss Nicholls, who was staying at the same place. On the 10th inst. she showed Miss Nicholls her jewellery. On Friday morning she missed all the articles, and accused Miss Nicholls of taking them. She admitted that she had had a brooch, and took witness to a pawnbroker's shop, where she had sold it. On leaving the shop Miss Nicholls ran away, saying she was going to see her solicitor. In the evening she returned to the Hostel, and was given into custody. The missing articles were worth about £15. At the police station Miss Nicholls said she found the brooch in the box-room at the Hostel.

• The accused, who said she was not guilty, was remanded, Mr. Fenwick saying he would take two sureties of £30 each for her appearance.

BATH IN BOILING WATER.

At Blarney Petty Sessions recently Cornelius Cronin, attendant in the Cork District Lunatic Asylum, was charged with the manslaughter of Michael Coleman, an inmate, who on February 5th was allowed to get into a bath of boiling water, death ensuing from scalds. For the defence it was held that Cronin was not guilty of such reckless neglect as would satisfy a jury that the crime was one of manslaughter. The defendant was discharged.

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