

by experiments upon their own bodies showed how yellow fever is transmitted and can be prevented, were as great heroes as any soldiers that ever faced a cannon's mouth; that the woman who serves in the hospital as a nurse displays as much heroism as the officer who serves his country in time of war."

At a meeting of representatives of professions practised by women, held recently in Melbourne to consider the details of representation at the Women's Work Exhibition in October, the meeting was in complete sympathy with the organisation of a Nursing Section by the Royal Victorian Trained Nurses' Association. The Association is to consider the question fully. Dr. Barrett has offered a prize of five guineas, open to the nurses of the Commonwealth, for the best invention or nursing appliance.

Lin=Aulagne.

This is a comparatively novel invention of a well-known French chemist, M. Aulagne, and is practically a linseed-meal poultice. It consists of specially prepared linseed, rendered antiseptic by boric acid, and finely powdered over several layers of gauze, which are then compressed, sewn together, and made up in rolls, from which any required amount can be easily cut off. We have been very much pleased with the remarkable ease and usefulness of this preparation in practice. As much as is required of the roll is cut off, and dipped into boiling water, where it is kept for four or five minutes. It absorbs about fifty times its weight in water, and the whole tissue then becomes remarkably light and soft. It is applied to the affected part and covered over with a fine impermeable tissue, a roll of which is supplied with the poultice, and kept in place by a turn or two of a roller bandage. The fomentation will then retain its heat and moisture for several hours. Putting aside the obvious advantages of its easy preparation and application, the antiseptic and gauze prevent the meal from irritating or sticking to the skin; and therefore the pimples and redness which the ordinary linseed meal poultice so rapidly produces, are conspicuous by their absence in the use of this preparation. A further advantage is that by sprinkling a little dry mustard on the prepared poultice preparation, a mustard fomentation can be immediately obtained. Our readers will find this preparation a valuable one, especially in private nursing, and we have no doubt that its popularity will be considerable as soon as its many advantages are understood by trained nurses.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The Committee of Management of the Great Northern Hospital, Holloway Road, N., have carefully investigated a statement made in the *Catholic Herald*, that tracts for proselytising purposes have been given away in the Out-patient Department of the Hospital by the missionary of the London City Mission, and are of opinion that no such tracts have been distributed by him. We are glad to observe that the Secretary has informed the above Journal that any attempt to use the organisation of the hospital for the purpose of proselytising would be directly contrary to the wishes and intentions of the Committee.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has given £100,000 to King Edward's Hospital Fund for London.

Princess Henry of Battenberg last week opened the new block of buildings at the Royal Isle of Wight County Hospital, Ryde, which has been completed at a cost of £5,000. Her Royal Highness was received at the main entrance by the Deputy-Governor of the Island (Mr. T. B. Cochrane), where a bouquet was presented by Mrs. Welby, wife of the Chairman of the Committee of Management. The Mayors of Newport and Ryde, the Senior Surgeon (Dr. Buck) and the Matron (Miss Antram), and the architect (Mr. T. W. Cutler) had the honour of being presented.

The following evening Princess Henry presided at the annual meeting of the Frank James Memorial Hospital, East Cowes, of which her Royal Highness is President. The Institution derives a considerable amount for its upkeep from contributions of working men of East Cowes and Cowes, who are among its most enthusiastic supporters.

H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany visited the country branch of the Alexandra Hospital for Children with Hip Disease at East Clandon, on a recent occasion, and before leaving expressed her satisfaction with all she had seen.

The Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine has organised an expedition to investigate the origin of the "blackwater fever," which is so fatal to Europeans in many tropical countries. The research party will proceed to West Africa, where the disease is particularly prevalent.

The foundation stone of a new out-patient department at the Cardiff Infirmary, for which the sum of £8,000 has been raised by Colonel Bruce Vaughan, was laid last week by Sir William T. Lewis, Bart. Considerable progress was announced respecting the larger sum required for infirmary extension, which was commenced by Mr. John Cory with a conditional offer of £5,000.

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