

M. Rough, the nurses, and the stall holders, are greatly to be congratulated.

The Jam of Jamnagar, better known in England as Prince Ranjitsinghji, has, says the *Lancet*, given Rs. 1,000 to the Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy Hospital, Bombay. During his recent illness, his Highness was attended by nurses from that institution, and, in recognition of the skill and care bestowed upon him he asked the senior medical officer to accept this donation, and to dispose of the amount as he thought proper. The senior medical officer has consequently allotted Rs. 600 to the hospital and Rs. 400 to the nurses' home. In his reply to an address presented by his subjects at a grand durbar, in which it was said that every moment of his illness had been watched by all classes with the deepest anxiety, the Jam expressed his thanks to a merciful Providence for sending to his aid such an able physician as Major L. F. Childe, I.M.S., and such excellent nurses as Miss Irving and Miss Berry. His speedy recovery, he added, was due to their continuous care and combined efforts.

The R.B.N.A. Diploma.

The scheme recently instituted by the Royal British Nurses' Association for bestowing a diploma on nurses has been referred to a sub-committee of the Medico-Political Committee of the British Medical Association, consisting of the ex-officio members, together with Sir Victor Horsley, for consideration and report.

Legal Matters.

An action for slander by Miss Edith Dennis, a probationer nurse at the Warrington Workhouse Infirmary, against Dr. Thomas E. Flitcroft, medical officer of the same institution, occupied three days at Liverpool Assizes, and concluded on Saturday night, before Mr. Justice Pickford.

The statements attributed to the defendant were made to the workhouse master, assistant master, and superintendent nurse.

The jury gave a verdict for the plaintiff, finding that the defendant in uttering the slander did not make the statements in good faith, honestly believing them to be true, and that he was actuated by some improper or indirect motive. They awarded £75 damages in respect of each of the three officials communicated with—£225 in all.

The Hospital World.

THE OPENING OF THE INFANTS' HOSPITAL.

In spite of the fog, there was a large attendance at the opening of the Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, Westminster, by the Duchess of Albany, on Wednesday, November 20th. The opening ceremony took place in one of the large wards, and punctually at 3.30 her Royal Highness entered the ward, and took her place on the platform, followed by the Reception Committee. The proceedings were very brief. After Canon Duckworth had offered prayer, Mr. J. S. Fletcher, the Vice-Chairman, read an address of welcome to the Duchess of Albany, in which the aims of the Committee were set forth as follows:—

OBJECTS OF THE HOSPITAL.

The Hospital was founded for the scientific treatment of young babies suffering from malnutrition; and it is the aim of the Committee to make it a centre for the treatment of infantile diseases, for the study of all the factors connected with the rearing of a strong people, and the prevention of the conditions responsible for the prevalence of tuberculosis and from physical imperfections endangering the national health.

The wards provide accommodation for fifty infants, and, in addition to the ordinary hospital equipment, the building comprises a Lecture Theatre where lectures will be given on all matters dealing with infant feeding and management. In the Research Laboratory accommodation is provided for the physicians to investigate all subjects connected with the study of the diseases affecting the welfare of infants.

A second Laboratory for the preparation of the milk mixtures ordered for each patient will shortly be added. The Hospital has been built and completely equipped by Mr. Robert Mond as a memorial to his wife, who took such a deep interest in the work of the Institution from its foundation. At the conclusion of the Address, the architect, Mr. Herbert Read, presented the key of the building to her Royal Highness. As the London County Council declined to allow locks to be fitted to any of the outer doors, and insisted on the substitution of fire panic bolts, the architect was in a difficulty as to a key to present. It was, therefore, decided to present a model of the Egyptian Key of Life done in gold, with stones of turquoise, lapis lazuli, and cornelian, in the style of the ancient Egyptian jewellery. The Duchess of Albany then declared the Hospital open in the following words:

"I have much pleasure in declaring this

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