

Hygiene and the Care of the Sick in Algeria.

The great Franco-British Exhibition has come and gone. All too soon for some of us, for busy women like nurses have only a very limited amount of time to devote to sight-seeing, however interesting, and many of us missed much we should like to have seen.

The Algerian Section of the Exhibition, though small, was a very interesting exhibit, and to make this French colony more widely known a very interesting little booklet was prepared, and distributed to visitors.

Among the many useful items which it contains is the following concerning hygiene and the care of the sick.

Monsieur Jonnart, Governor-General of Algeria, being up-to-date, has not only devised means for the commercial progress of the people, but for their physical well-being also.

"He has set himself the special task of organising medical assistance for the natives. The latter were formerly attended in the hospitals, but these only existed in large

central towns, and the internal arrangements did not satisfy the whole population.

Consequently M. Jonnart sought means to pro-

vide a suitable system of medical and hygienic treatment to which they could have access, and which conformed to their habits, whilst leaving them their full liberty.

To this just and generous idea, the native infirmaries and dispensaries owe their origin. Special efforts have also been made to cope with particular diseases, such as those of the eye, marsh fever, etc.

Marsh fever, as is well known, is conveyed by the anopheles mosquito, and M. Jonnart, struck by the excellent results obtained from the new prophylactic system in Egypt, intends to institute it in Algeria, and has entrusted the work to Dr. Sargent (of the Pasteur Institute, Paris.) In their patient studies on the spot,

they have met with every success, and have entered upon a vigorous campaign against the scourge.

A systematic destruction of the larvæ is carried on in the ponds and marshes, and doses of quinine are administered to persons stricken with fever, and as a result the evil has been considerably reduced.

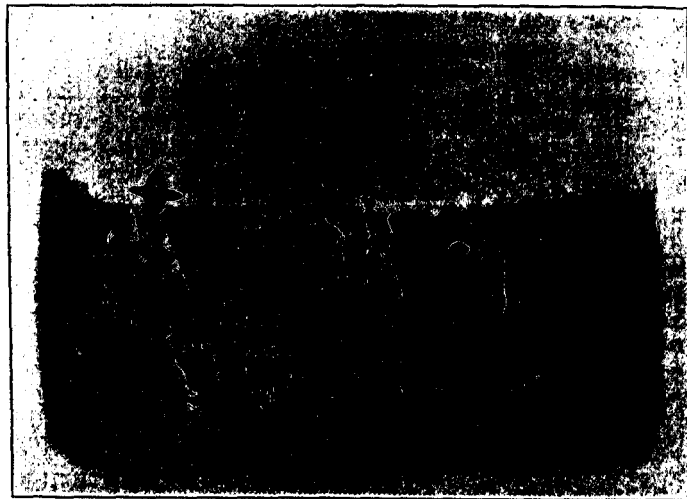
A Pasteur Institute has been established at Algiers, from which the various serums utilised by modern science are circulated throughout the colony.

1. Infirmaries have been established for natives, wherever their need has been felt.

2. There are clinical institutions for women and



A FRENCHWOMAN ADMINISTERING QUININE TO NATIVES.



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