

for their accommodation; but they preferred to stand, so that the seats might be let to increase the funds of the Hospital. Such is the courtesy and real charity of our working men.

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ATTENTION has been much drawn lately to the hopeful and promising fact that the able-bodied are being eliminated from our Workhouses. This, however, makes it imperative that more paid servants and attendants be employed to do the work which hitherto was done, after a fashion, by the inmates. An interesting letter appeared in the *Times*, of last Monday, on the subject, from that veteran of merciful Workhouse reform, Miss LOUISA TWINING. Considerable efforts have been made to start the children upon the road to independence; but there remain the aged and infirm to be cared for and attended to. At present, there are often no others to undertake this than weak and incapable inmates, who often require care themselves, as amongst them are to be found 'the feeble-minded, semi-imbecile, and epileptic,' those, in short, who are either mentally, morally, or physically afflicted. . . . The number of Nurses is almost everywhere so inadequate, that any supervision they may be able to give is merely nominal. . . . A voluntary Society has, for the last fifteen years, been endeavouring to supply the demand for thoroughly-trained and efficient Nurses for our State Hospitals. Another similar Society is now occupied in training attendants for the aged poor, for epileptics, imbeciles, and infants, who, after a probation in special institutions, will be sent out to the Workhouses where they can be employed." Applications for such attendants, or for particulars, should be made to the Hon. Secretary, Miss LEE, 20, Bryanston Street, W. In our next number, we hope to make some reference to the work of the Association.

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LAST year we referred at some length to the admirable work done by the London Fever Hospital, Liverpool Road, N. Its advantages are at once evident when it is known that it isolates infectious patients, not necessarily poor, who, in their own homes, would, of course, be a great source of danger, and very considerable expense. We now read that temporary arrangements have been made by the Committee for the reception of an increased number of patients suffering from Diphtheria. But the funds need to be increased in a like proportion.

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THE subject of Sanitation and Sewerage is always with us. It will not be ignored, and those who attempt it are afflicted with divers punishments. Many people have their teeth periodically examined, and are wise; but they would be wiser if they also arranged for the periodic visit of a sanitary engineer,

who would set their home in order. Especially would we recommend this to the Superintendents and Matrons of Private Hospitals and Schools. The Sanitary Engineering and Ventilation Co., 65, Victoria Street, Westminster, have instituted a Sanitary Survey Department, and for certain set charges send competent engineers to various parts of the country to examine the drainage and water supply. They then submit a written report.

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THE London Temperance Hospital has attained its majority, having been established in October, 1873, in Gower Street, from which, after a few years, it was removed to its present site in the Hampstead Road. The anniversary was appropriately celebrated last week by a reception, by the Chairman and Staff. Sir BENJAMIN W. RICHARDSON, Physician to the Hospital, gave the principal address of the afternoon. He declared that long experience had shown him the fallacy that alcohol was an essential treatment of disease.

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ALL the members of the Ladies' Committee, at the Chelsea Hospital for Women, have resigned. It would be well if these ladies would publish their reasons for this step. What the public should have insisted upon, immediately after the issue of the adverse report, was the culpable Board of Management should resign in a body. At present we fear that there can be nothing but disorganisation and distrust in the future management of the Institution.

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THE following Lectures and Demonstrations will be given next week, under the direction of the Sanitary Institute:—

Saturday, 21st.—Practical Demonstration of Examples of Building Construction under the Bye-Laws and Offensive Trades, &c., at Mitcham, conducted by Dr. L. W. DARRA MAIR, Medical Officer of Health, Croydon Rural Sanitary Authority.

Monday, 22nd.—"Elementary Chemistry" (Lecture I.). S. RIDEAL, D.Sc.(Lond.), F.I.C., F.C.S., Public Analyst, Lewisham District Board of Works.

Wednesday, 24th.—Inspection and Demonstration of the Disinfecting Station at St. Pancras, at 3 p.m. (Number limited).

Wednesday, 24th.—"Elementary Chemistry" (Lecture II.). S. RIDEAL, D.Sc.(Lond.), F.I.C., F.C.S., Public Analyst, Lewisham District Board of Works.

Friday 26th.—"Elementary Bacteriology." R. T. HEWLETT, M.D., M.R.C.S.

Saturday, 27th.—Inspection of the Aylesbury Dairy Company's Premises, Bayswater.

NATIONAL HEALTH SOCIETY.—Arrangements have been made by which Nurses may attend the special Training Courses of Lectures at half fees. See further particulars on page iii.

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