

THE movement towards establishing Consumptive Hospitals and Orphan Homes in Scotland, has received a most helpful lift by the donation, anonymously offered, of £2,000, which is to be equally divided between these two excellent objects.

A KNOWLEDGE of some of the laws relating to Public Health and the various measures by which disease and infection is prevented from spreading, is unquestionably a valuable acquisition to Nurses, and we intend shortly to institute some definite teaching on Public Hygiene in the columns of the RECORD. An interesting case bearing on the relation between typhoid fever and milk supply is given below.

WOOLWICH.

HOW INFECTION IS SPREAD.—Colonel E. Hughes M.P., applied for a summons which he asked might be served without delay upon a milk-seller, named Henry Drew, of Heaton's Dairy, 13, Princes Road, Plumstead, for contravening an order under the Public Health Act closing his dairy. On Tuesday last, when Mr. Kennedy signed the closing order, there were twenty-three cases of typhoid, now there were fifty-four cases in the immediate neighbourhood of the dairy, out of which number fifty-two of the infected persons were known to have had milk from the dairy in question. Notwithstanding the service of the order, it was found that the cows were still being milked, and the milk sent out to customers.—Mr. A. Duck, chief sanitary inspector of Plumstead, having deposed that he saw a cart with milk leave the dairy on a round that morning, and saw milk delivered at two houses, Mr. Marsham granted the summons, and ordered that it should be served that evening.

WOLVERHAMPTON is anticipating the opening in a few weeks of the new building which is being erected in that town for the staff of the Queen Victoria Nursing Institution. About £2,000 has already been raised, and it is hoped that the whole sum of £4,000, which will be necessary for successfully equipping and starting the scheme, will soon be obtained.

Truth says:—

"The NURSING RECORD has just spoken with very natural asperity on the fact that at some of the large London hotels Nurses in uniform are not admitted to the coffee or dining-rooms. I suppose those hotel-keepers who take this course will reply that it is not intended as any slight to the Nursing profession, but that they are obliged to consult the feelings of nervous guests, who may be alarmed by fear of possible infection on seeing a Nurse in the room. If that, however, is the reply, I confess I should like to know whether there is any authentic evidence of visitors to an hotel having taken fright at the sight of a Nurse. If there are such people, they must be very foolish and very ignorant of hotel life. I have stayed recently at two seaside hotels, where I saw hospital Nurses daily taking

their meals in the public rooms, and no one, so far as I know, took fright at the spectacle, the fact being, I suppose, that every one present knew that neither the local authorities nor the hotel-keeper would allow a case of infectious disease to be nursed in a hotel. Are hotel guests more foolish in London than elsewhere? I doubt it. Probably the person who is unduly nervous is the hotel-keeper himself."

LET Nurses who are beginning to think—despite the past few days of almost Arctic cold—of putting away their winter furs, tippets, trimmings and muffs, remember that the most simple and really effectual way of guarding against the ravages of moths, is to put the fur in tin boxes. Large biscuit boxes may be bought for a few pence from a neighbouring grocer; the fur should be well shaken, put in the box and a wide strip of paper pasted round the line junction of the lid. By this method there is not the slightest possible chance of damage being done by moths. And it is so simple and easy. Camphor is not a safe preservative, and the use of bitter apple—one of the most effectual remedies—has the great drawback that it takes weeks of wearing to remove the strong and disagreeable odour which permeates the fur on which it has been used.

By the way, it is a point to remember that a woollen garment put away with even a few spots of grease on it will prove very attractive to moths. Always carefully remove these and mud stains before putting away. Any article of clothing packed away during summer should always be well brushed, otherwise it will look very aged and shabby when it is taken out for wear.

IT may, perhaps, be unbecoming for a Nursing paper to express an interest "in the turf," but so long as Baron Hirsch is so lucky, and so long as he so generously gives the whole of his winnings, without any deduction for forfeits or expenses, to Hospitals, we venture to think that his horses will always be first "favourites" in the Hospital and Nursing world. We have seen many a Nurse of one Hospital which is a specially large receiver of the good Baron's bounties, find herself unable to resist the temptation of an investment in an evening paper containing "all the winners," and cast a rapid eye down the list to see what was won in the cause of charity.

THE portrait of, and a brief account of the work done by, Mr. H. W. Cross, the well-known Secretary of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, will appear next week, and will be of great interest, we feel sure, to many of our readers.

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