

Some very interesting demonstrations were given of First Aid to the Injured, a number of men who played the part of sufferers from broken limbs, &c., were promptly treated and bandaged. The dressing station Field Hospital was very interesting as showing something of the work of a medical corps on active service. The Duchess expressed herself as being much pleased with the skill and efficiency of the Corps.

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Sir Henry and Lady Loch, during their visit to Castle town, where they were the guests of the Attorney General, Sir James Gell, paid a visit to the Isle of Man Hospital. Lady Loch, before leaving the Island, wrote that she had been delighted to see so fine a hospital and all arrangements in such good order.

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Mr. Passmore Edwards has laid the foundation stone of a new house, the expense of which he has made himself responsible for, in connection with the Homes for Little Boys at Swanley. This new house will accommodate 25 orphan boys, and the whole scheme, which will provide for 200 boys altogether, will be completed when one more similar house is built.

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There has been a small increase during the last fortnight in the number of fever patients being treated in the hospitals of the Metropolitan Asylums Board.

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The following letter was found in a bottle picked up on the shore at Dunkirk:—"Thursday night, May 19th.—Barge *Cynthia*: We are sinking, rudderhead gone, boat, hatches. We are off the Weillingen. Have had distress signal flying all day. Farewell to all we love. Captain Gentry, Malden; Carrington, Mistley; Brown, London. Should this be picked up, please send on to 66, Wanty Road, Malden, Essex." The vessel must be the barge *Cynthia*, of Harwich, registered 74 tons, which left London about the 12th or 13th May, bound for the Rhine, with a cargo of empty bottles for the Apollinaris Company, and no doubt was caught in the dreadful gale that ensued.

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This vessel was performing her fiftieth voyage for the Apollinaris Company, Limited, for whom she has carried nearly six million bottles of Apollinaris Natural Mineral Water from Remagen on the Rhine to the Company's London Wharf on the Thames. The *Cynthia* was one of a fleet of sailing barges continuously engaged by the Apollinaris Company, Limited, in this remarkable trade. The Company occasionally loads these vessels with a cargo of empty bottles on the return journey from London to Remagen on the Rhine, and it was on one of these return voyages that the unfortunate *Cynthia* was lost under such distressing circumstances.

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The annual Summer Concert given by the members of the junior staff and the Musical Society, will take place in the Great Hall of St. Bartholomew's Hospital on Tuesday, June 25th, at 8 p.m.

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At the County of London Sessions a man called Featherstone was sentenced last week to three months' hard labour for theft from the house of a medical man who had engaged him to act as *locum tenens*, in spite of the fact that he was not a qualified medical practitioner. We called attention some time since to the "burglar-nurses" of Paris. The custom seems to be spreading to *locum tenens* in this country. Perhaps the development of "light-fingered" sham Nurses and medicos will give a fresh impetus to strict legislation on the subject of unqualified men and women being allowed to act professionally.

## National Health Society.



THE Society has just issued its twenty-second Annual Report, which forms an interesting chronicle of good work done in the cause of health teaching, and the spreading of a knowledge of nature's laws among all classes.

Some interesting courses of lectures have been given during the year on subjects somewhat apart from the usual curriculum. Dr. Shelley's teaching on "The Feeding of Schoolboys and Schoolgirls" was one of the most important. This subject of food for the growing is one that has been little dwelt upon, and yet the future constitution of the boy and girl depends very much upon the care and diet of the early structural days—just as the strength and last of a building depends on the skill with which the bricks of its foundation are laid, and the quality of the materials used. The growing, neurotic school-girl so often "gets up with a headache," has no appetite, and goes off to the High School to do several hours' mental work on a cup of tea and a piece of bread and butter. The ideal of the diet for school girls and boys consists of a "good working breakfast."

The Society has produced a new design for their silver medal, which is awarded after a competitive examination of candidates who must possess three National Health Society certificates before entering for the medal. The new design is heart-shaped, with the head of the goddess Hygiea embossed on the obverse side, the name of the holder and the date of examination being on the reverse side.

Many fresh centres have been added to the districts in which the Society sends its lecturers to work under the County Councils in various branches of technical instruction. Over 1,000 candidates in various parts of the country have entered for examinations during the year.

A Bengal Branch of the National Health Society has been formed with a view to forming a nucleus for the spread of sanitary and hygienic teaching throughout India. It is hoped that many further branches will be formed, and the movement is much favoured by several medical women who are working, or who have worked in India.

The Society has been partly instrumental in inducing the University of Oxford to introduce Hygiene as a subject in their Local examinations, and the National Health Society has communicated with all the schools in England, urging them to prepare as many candidates as possible for the first examination in this subject in June.

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