

Miss Marie Campbell, Miss A. M. Alexander, Miss Hughes, Miss Milne, Miss M. A. Barry, Miss Ellen McClue, Miss Akers, Miss Elizabeth Lidgett, Mrs. Finlay, Miss Mary Revell, Miss L. Warner, Mrs. Mainwaring-Jones, Miss Baker, M.A.B., Mrs. Gayton, Dr. F. S. and Mrs. Toogood, Dr. and Mrs. H. Harris, Mr. Walsham, Mr. Walter Spencer, Dr. Pringle, Dr. Lancelot Andrews, etc.

The following resolution was proposed by Miss Mollett, and seconded by Miss Jane Wilson, Hon. Sec., Workhouse Infirmary Nursing Association: "That the Local Government Board be requested to make such alterations in the Rules and Regulations of the Workhouse Infirmaries as will ensure to the Matrons the complete control of the female staff, subject to the direct control of the Boards of Guardians."

Tea and coffee was served in the Library, and general conversation concluded a most interesting Meeting.

MAUD ANDREWS,
Hon. Sec., Matrons' Council.

Medical Matters.

TYPHOID AND OYSTERS.



The gourmands are having a bad time at present, because one after another of their special delicacies are being proved to be either productive of disease or destructive of digestion. The fact—concerning which so much discussion is at present taking place—of the connection between typhoid fever and oysters, has created a great sensation in gastronomic circles. In this country it is regarded as not altogether proved that typhoid fever can be communicated by eating the juicy mollusc. A remarkable epidemic, however, which has recently occurred in America, has been traced almost conclusively to the poisonous typhoid germs being contained in oysters. An outbreak of the fever occurred in a university; the cases being strictly limited, so far as their occurrence went, between October 20th and November 9th. It was proved that of the twenty-seven students attacked all had been present at suppers which had been supplied with oysters from one particular merchant; that none of the female students in the college were attacked; that no one else in the college was attacked except those who had eaten of these oysters; that the sanitary arrangements and the water supply of the college were beyond question; that visitors who had been present at these suppers, both from the town and from other colleges, were also seized with typhoid fever; and, finally, that other persons in the town to whom these oysters had been supplied were also attacked by the fever at the same period. It was also found that these oysters had, the day before they were eaten, been

taken from the mouth of a creek 300 feet from the spot where a private sewer opened, which drained the house in which two persons were at that moment suffering from severe typhoid fever. In fact, the chain of evidence was complete and conclusive, and the case may be looked upon, not only as unique, but as definite evidence that typhoid fever can be communicated by means of oysters. Of course the possibility of contagion can easily be prevented by boiling the oysters, because the danger of infection would consist in eating the raw oyster from the shell.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE Duke and Duchess of YORK have promised to visit Sheffield in May to open a new block of buildings which have been added to the public Hospital and Dispensary, and which are to cost £50,000. More than half of this sum has already been subscribed.

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The Scottish branch of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses received its first legacy recently, the late Mr. ALEXANDER ARMITAGE, Dick Place, Edinburgh, having bequeathed to this useful institution a sum of £100.

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THE Goldsmiths' Company have given a donation of £100 to the North Eastern Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, Shoreditch.

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ON Thursday, 17th inst., the Nurses' Home at the South Eastern Hospital, New Cross, S.E., was opened by Captain C. W. ANDREW, Chairman of the Committee of Management, in the presence of the Members of the Committee, a number of visitors, the principal Officers, and the Nurses of the Hospital. Captain ANDREW, on declaring the Home open, gave a short account of the history of the Hospital, and he was afterwards presented with his portrait by the principal Officers and Nurses.

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The Hospital is one of the largest under the control of the Asylums Board, having accommodation for about 450 fever patients. Hitherto the quarters provided for the Nurses have not been of a suitable or comfortable character. About two and a half years ago, the Committee decided to provide a Home for the Charge Nurses. Instructions to architects were drawn up and competition designs invited. The design accepted was that of Messrs. Quilter and Wheelhouse, of 1, Adam Street, Adelphi, W.C.

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