

who recently died in Charing Cross Hospital, parasites similar to those to be found in the natives of British Guiana were found, has raised some interesting speculations as to how microbes are carried from one continent to another.

THE march of the jigger round the world, and the way in which it has been accomplished, has been described in the NURSING RECORD in a previous issue. It is the female jigger which burrows under the skin of human beings and animals, where it appears as a minute black spot, which may easily be overlooked. Here it deposits its eggs, and the spot gradually increases in size until it attains about the size of a pea. Ultimately the sac bursts, and the eggs escape and develop into the mature insect. It is at this point that serious inflammation is set up, often resulting in disease of the bone.

FROM the report of the Prince Alfred Hospital, at Sydney, we get a glimpse of the work getting forward so steadily and splendidly of nursing in New South Wales, largely due to the ability and devotion of Miss McGahey, who, alas! will be with us in spirit only, on June 30th.

To quote from the Report:—

"Throughout the year under review the efforts of the Matron in the maintenance of the highest possible standard of discipline and of general efficiency of the Departments under her control have not been relaxed, and the Directors are conscious that the Hospital is very largely indebted to her ever-watchful care and skilful management."

DURING the year five Nurses obtained appointments in other hospitals. Two of these succeeded in obtaining positions as Matrons, one gained a sistership, and two became Nurses in other hospitals. Seven certificated Nurses left to take up the practice of private nursing. At the recent examinations in connection with the Training School for Nurses there were 39 candidates, viz., 14 for the first year, 14 in the second year, 11 in the third year. Of these all passed with the exception of one probationer and two Nurses. The following remarks have been supplied by the examiners upon the results of the examinations: 'In view of the fact that 50 per cent. of marks in each subject is the pass standard, that the marking has been rigidly carried out, that the questions were of an essentially practical character, and that each of the three who failed did so in one subject only, we must consider the results extremely good. The answers show that the Nurses take a keen and intelligent interest in their work, and that the present staff will fully maintain the high reputation of the hospital as a training school for nurses. Arthur E. Mills, H. Critchley Hinder, examiners.'

## Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



AT the Annual Dinner in aid of the funds of the North London Consumption Hospital Sir Henry Harben presided, and in proposing the toast, "Prosperity to the Hospital," said that the late Lord Playfair had predicted that the disease would become as much a thing of the past as typhus fever. It was the happiness of the people of the 19th century to feel that they would be able to demonstrate this. The hospital was about to inaugurate the open-air treatment, which demanded a large amount of money and was a strong reason for asking for increased contributions. Donations and subscriptions were announced to the amount of £9,700, including £4,000 from an anonymous donor.

A public meeting was held at the Mansion House on Friday last in support of a scheme for providing South London with a Children's Hospital by removing the Belgrave Hospital to Kennington. In the unavoidable absence of the Lord Mayor, the Duke of Westminster presided, and moved a resolution to the effect that there was urgent need of increased hospital accommodation for children in South London. The Governors of the Belgrave Hospital had long contemplated rebuilding it, and in consequence of the need for hospital accommodation south of the Thames, had decided to do so in the Clapham Road, Kennington. He appealed for £50,000, of which £5,000 was already subscribed. The Bishop of Rochester seconded the motion, which was carried.

The Duke of Connaught has accepted the Presidency of the Newport Market Refuge and Industrial School, Coburg Row, Westminster, S.W., in the place of the late Mr. Gladstone. Owing to a deplorable want of funds, His Royal Highness has approved of a Sustainment Fund being started with a view of obtaining the sum of £5,000 to carry on the work of the institution for the next five years.

Lord Wolseley, the Commander-in-Chief, writes as follows:—

"I send herewith a cheque for £50 from the Tournament Fund for the Newport Market School and Refuge. That institution does so much for soldiers that the money gained by soldiers at our annual tournament could not be spent on a better object. I think I can promise you another similar cheque in September next."

Donations to the Sustainment Fund can be paid direct to the bankers, Messrs. Cocks, Biddulph & Co., 43, Charing Cross, S.W., or to the Honorary Secretary to the Fund, R. Gofton-Salmond, Esq., 72, Cheapside, E.C.

Mr. Edwin White, who for fifteen years has been secretary of the Wolverhampton General Hospital, has been appointed director of the Tottenham Hospital, London, and will enter on his duties early in June.

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