

bequests is left entirely in the hands of the executors of the deceased. The money will be spent in the founding of wards bearing the name of Mr. Zunz's late wife.

Mr. Zunz was a generous friend to Sir Julian Goldsmid's Home of Rest for Nurses at Brighton, having last year given a donation of £100 towards its support. He also made liberal bequests to the nurses who attended him during his long illness. His tender-heartedness is evinced in the instructions he has left to his executors to provide for the "maintenance, care, and proper burial" of Mrs. Zunz's favourite horse.

Sir Wilfred Lawson would enjoy himself in Lady-smith at the present time. Nearly a month ago whisky was unattainable at £10 a bottle, while at the present time its price is almost fabulous. Cigars and cigarettes are scarcely to be had, and common Boer tobacco costs £4 a pound.

A lady almoner has recently been appointed at St. George's Hospital. The appointment of an inquiry officer was determined upon last year, but the officer appointed found himself unequal to the difficulties of the work. Miss Mudd, a lady of independent means, then intimated her willingness to undertake the work, and the Board having accepted her offer, she has spent six months studying the system practised by the inquiry officer at the Royal Free Hospital.

Lord Llangattock has promised £1,000 to Monmouth Hospital on condition that there shall be no school of research attached to it and no licensed vivisector on its staff.

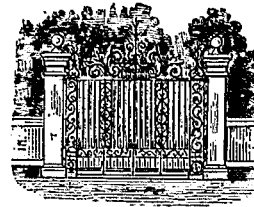
Dr. C. R. Russell, Professor of Materia Medica in St. Andrews University, has been appointed external examiner in materia medica and pharmacology at Victoria University, Manchester.

By the will of the late Robert Beck Bringham, a veteran hotel keeper of Boston, U.S.A., the bulk of the estate, estimated at 5,000,000 dollars, is given to charity. The chief feature of the document is a provision made for the establishment of a new hospital in Boston, to be known as the Robert Bringham Hospital.

Scientific investigation achieved in 1899 several important successes. Striking advance, of course, was made in experiments with wireless telegraphy. But electricity is not the only field in which progress has been made. We alluded a short time ago to Professor Dewar's triumphal solidifying of liquid hydrogen; he has practically demonstrated the theory that all known substances can exist in solid, liquid, or gaseous forms. In other laboratories much useful, if not startling, work has been done. No new element has been discovered, but the pretensions of metargon and davium have apparently been finally dismissed, and they remain mere compounds. Another claimant for the honour of being an element, however, has not yet been proved unworthy. Its name is radium, and it is a constituent of a substance called pitchblende; and its cause is championed by a distinguished French chemist, Mme. Curie. The obituary for 1899 includes the name of the veteran Bunsen, whose influence upon chemistry of the future it would be difficult to over-estimate.

## Outside the Gates.

### WOMEN.



THE Queen paid Brigadier-General Featherstonhaugh the honour of a visit on Monday afternoon, at his residence, at Ryde, and remained with him for over half an hour. Her Majesty was accompanied by Princess Henry of Battenberg. She was received by the General, who arrived home wounded from the front on the 2nd inst., at the door, and accepted a bouquet from his little daughter.

The Crimean campaign was the last occasion upon which a day of national humiliation and prayer was observed in England because of the military situation; and as the proposal has been made that a similar day should be observed now, it is interesting to recall the terms of the proclamation then made. It was issued on February 28th, 1855, and read as follows:

#### BY THE QUEEN.—A PROCLAMATION.

#### FOR A DAY OF SOLEMN FAST, HUMILIATION, AND PRAYER.

"We, taking into our most serious consideration the just and necessary war in which we are engaged, and putting our trust in Almighty God that He will graciously bless our armies both by sea and land, have resolved, and do, by and with the advice of our Privy Council, hereby command that a public day of solemn fast, humiliation, and prayer, be observed throughout those parts of our United Kingdom called England and Ireland"—[There was a separate proclamation for Scotland, and no mention was made of Wales]—"on Wednesday the 21st day of March next, that so both we and our people may humble ourselves before Almighty God, in order to obtain pardon of our sins and in the most devout and solemn manner send up our prayers and supplications to the Divine Majesty, for imploring His blessing and assistance on our arms, for the restoration of peace to us and our dominions. And we do strictly charge and command that the said day be reverently and devoutly observed by all our loving subjects in England and Ireland, as they tender the favour of Almighty God, and would avoid His wrath and indignation."

The rest of the proclamation was concerned with instructions to the Bishops for drawing up special forms of prayer.

Mr. W. Johnston has given notice that on March 6th he will call attention in the House of Commons to the question of extending the Parliamentary franchise, to women, and move a resolution. We hope that many women will be present in the lobbies to show their interest in a question which so vitally affects them.

The Women's Local Government Society, in their campaign to bring about the eligibility of women for election to London Borough Councils, have had the help of several friends who have kindly lent their houses for drawing-room meetings. Mrs. Miall Smith, Dartmouth Park Lodge, N.W., Mrs. Brynmor Jones, 27, Bryanston Square, and Mrs. Jopling (who lent her studio in Kensington) have all quite recently helped in this valuable way.

The speakers at Mrs. Brynmor Jones' were Miss Alice Busk, member of the Vestry of St. George-the-

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