

over the age of thirteen. The figures are (all cases) 888 for the four weeks preceding the holidays, 741 for the holidays, and 1,116 for the four weeks after. The fall of cases during the holidays one can understand; but why should the children come back from their holidays apparently more susceptible to diphtheria?

Mr. Heinemann will shortly publish a book by Lord William Nevill entitled "Penal Servitude." The author, after dealing briefly with his own trial, conviction, and life in prison, proceeds to treat fully and carefully many problems arising out of the present system which call for readjustment—amongst others the food, exercise, punishments, and daily routine of the convict. Chapters are also devoted to such questions as Sentences and Remissions, Prisoners and the Press, and the Imprisonment of Youthful Offenders. The author's own experience qualifies him for handling matters connected with crime and prison life.

We are glad to observe that the Royal Hospital at Richmond has had a big windfall under the will of Mr. John Heneage, of Richmond Hill, and will benefit to the extent of some £8,000. Yet another stroke of good fortune that has come to the Hospital within the past few days is a legacy of £1,000, free of duty, from Mrs. Greene.

The Richmond Hospital is a thoroughly up-to-date institution, and its great popularity in the surrounding district may be gauged by the box collections in thirty-two parishes for 1902, which amounted to no less than £1,186 Os. 1d., £75 3s. 11d. in excess of last year's collection. "Many a mickle makes a muckle."

It is announced by the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine that £10,000 has been collected or promised for the endowment of the Chair of Tropical Medicine in University College, Liverpool. Major Ross, the recipient of the Nobel prize, has been elected to the professorship, and his title will be "The Sir Alfred Jones Professor of Tropical Medicine."

Professor Koch is about to leave for Rhodesia to investigate the cattle disease there at the request of the Chartered Company.

On the ground that Socialist literature is unfit pabulum for hospital patients, the board of management of the German Red Cross hospitals, at which most of the working people of the country are treated free, has barred the *Vorwaerts*, the implacable organ of the Social Democrats, from entering its institutions.

The patients, who are mostly affiliated to the Socialist Party, are indulging in angry demonstrations. Recently, in the suburb of Grabowsee, matters reached the proportions of an open revolt. Several inmates jumped from their beds and declared that they would rather leave the hospital uncared than be deprived of their favourite reading matter.

How terrified the official classes of Germany are of the people!

A New Invention.

THE AISETTE HOOD.

We have pleasure in drawing the attention of our readers to the Aisette Hood (Ashford's patent), for mail-carts, bath-chairs, &c., an illustration of which we publish on this page. It appears to us to be a great improvement on the usual hood, which is kept in position by brass jointed arms, of which the inconvenience of adjustment is well known.

The Aisette Hood, on the contrary, can be easily raised or lowered with one hand. The principle of



adjustment will be at once grasped from our illustration. It will remain at any angle desired, only requiring to be pushed or pulled into position, the action requiring no strength. It is obtainable from Mr. Charles Ashford, Essex and Kent Streets, Birmingham, and can be fitted on to any mail-cart.

An Invaluable Work of Reference.

The Transactions of the International Congress of Nurses have now been published in book form, and may be obtained through the offices of this journal, 11, Adam Street, Strand, W.C. The book, which also contains all the reports submitted by experts on the present condition of nursing in many countries to the International Council of Nurses, forms a most valuable work of reference, and should be in the library of every nurse-training school. The price of the volume is six shillings. The Committee on Publication, consisting of Mrs. Hampton Robb, Miss L. L. Dock, and Miss Maud Banfield, are to be congratulated on the successful appearance of this interesting and historic volume. The publisher is Mr. J. B. Savage, of Cleveland, Ohio.

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