

250 students. In the Clinical Institutes for infectious diseases the patient will be separated from both professor and students by a glass screen. Every Clinical Institute will have a large ambulatorium; and in each there will be flat roofs, where patients may lie in the open air whenever weather and temperature allow it. The whole area of the new hospital is nearly sixty acres, this being more than twice the area of the present Krankenhaus; but there will be fewer beds. Forty-eight acres, or about four-fifths of the total area, will be turned into gardens. The estimated cost of the new hospital, which it will take some ten years to finish, is forty million kronen; but the authorities will be satisfied if the work can be done for forty-eight million kronen (two million pounds).

MINERS' PHTHISIS.—The Transvaal Chamber of Mines, Johannesburg, in October, 1902, offered three prizes, the first of £500 and gold medal, the second of £250, and the third of £100, for the three best practical suggestions and devices for obviating or minimising the occurrence of miners' phthisis, and suggestions and plans for combatting the causes leading to the same. There were 229 competitors, and the judges in their report, dated April last, decided to award the full amount of the first prize and the gold medal to the atomiser submitted by Mr. Thomas J. Britten, which was found to lay 75 per cent. of the dust in the drive where it was tested, and which the judges state had been demonstrated as being the best practical suggestion submitted. The judges express the opinion that the best means of combatting the disease would be the use in drilling of a perfect water drill, together with the use of an atomiser for allaying the dust and gases during blasting and shovelling. The second prize was awarded the Leyner drill as being the best device submitted, and in the hope that it might stimulate manufacturers to further exertions in the direction of the production of a perfected water drill.

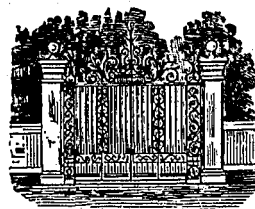
TEXAS HEALTH MEASURE.—The State Health Officer of Texas has recently, by virtue of the authority vested in him by an Act of the last Legislature, promulgated regulations governing the disinfection of sleeping-cars and public buildings. These rules make the periodical fumigation of sleeping-cars obligatory, and they set a certain sufficiently conservative standard of cleanliness for the drinking-water provided in cars and schools.

The Finances of the 'Royal British Nurses' Association.

Mr. John Langton has resigned the office of Hon. Treasurer to the Royal British Nurses' Association, and after giving pecuniary assistance to the amount of £1,100 leaves it in debt, as far as we can gather from the balance sheet, to the amount of £200. This is to be regretted, but the type of nurse who really values a professional association cannot waste time and money in support of a society where the hon. officers, by their irresponsible conduct, reduce the whole thing to a farce. The present Secretary, who is a trained nurse, is a woman of sense, and quite in sympathy with the aspirations of her colleagues. It is to be hoped her forward policy will receive support, otherwise the affairs of the Association are certain to go from bad to worse.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



Great pleasure was experienced by the organisers of the Women's Congress at Berlin when it became known that Her Imperial Majesty the Empress had consented to receive the officers of the International Council of Women, and the Presidents of the National Councils, then in the city. The Countess of Aberdeen and Miss Mary Clifford represented the National Council of Great Britain and Ireland, and amongst others who were honoured by being received at the Palace were Miss Susan B. Anthony and Mrs. May Wright Sewall, of the United States.

Miss Anthony, who is in her eighty-fifth year, and is a typical New England Puritan, did not kiss hands or curtsy to the Empress, but shook her warmly by the hand, and said in her quaint way: "Your husband is a very diligent man; tell him all about this Congress, and if he gives the suffrage to the women of Germany, we won't object to his being Emperor of the United States." It is reported that the Empress was greatly amused, and replied that since her daughter began to grow up she had thought more of the position of women.

The visit lasted an hour and a-half, and the Empress commanded one of the Court ladies to tell her who all those present were, and of the subjects they were interested in, and she spoke to each of the sixteen ladies present. Of our President, Miss Mary Clifford, she inquired about the education of girls in England, of their schools and colleges, and said she was greatly interested in them. The Empress also expressed her satisfaction with the proceedings of the Congress, and said that, should such an occasion again occur, she should be present at the deliberations, she also approved of the way the foreign delegates had been received in Berlin, and of the hospitality offered to them.

Mrs. May Wright Sewall having completed her five years' term of office as President of the International Council of Women, the Countess of Aberdeen has been elected to succeed her. Mrs. Sanford, of Canada, has been elected Treasurer, and Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, D.Sc., of Aberdeen, Corresponding Secretary. Frau Marie Stritt, of Dresden, is now First Vice-President, and Frau Anna Hierta Retzius, of Sweden, is Second Vice-President.

Some disappointment was felt by the German women that the principles of Internationalism were not demonstrated by the election of a German woman as President, especially as the Countess of Aberdeen has already held the position for a quinquennial term; but as the votes of the English-speaking peoples so largely predominate in the Council, owing to all the Colonies ranking as separate nations, and as it had been arranged to hold the next meeting in Canada, no German lady accepted nomination for the Presidency.

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