

vision of chronic cases, and active treatment of early and hopeful cases.

Lord Iveagh has forwarded the sum of £50 to a fund which has been started in connection with the Lowestoft Hospital for reconstructing the drainage.

It is generally known, says the *Law Times*, that medical men are sometimes inclined to avoid stating in language of blunt truth the precise cause of death. There is so much public importance in getting at the whole truth in these matters that it is worth considering whether medical men should not be prohibited under severe penalties from handing the certificate to anyone but the Registrar. A secondary form of certificate, omitting the cause of death, but asserting the fact, could be issued for the use of those whom it might concern.

The recent cases of cat stealing at Bedford for purposes of vivisection at Brockwell Hall, Herne Hill, formed the subject of questions in the House of Commons last week, but beyond the publicity given to the matter little satisfaction resulted. Considering that cats are the pets of the poor, and are, moreover, very useful members of the household, it is exceedingly cruel to steal them for experimental purposes.

An Important Appointment.

At a meeting of the Governors of St. Bartholomew's Hospital on Thursday in last week, Mr. Thomas Hayes, the secretary of the East London Hospital for Children at Shadwell, was elected clerk of the hospital, in succession to Mr. W. H. Cross, who has held the office since 1866, and who recently retired on a pension full of days and honour.

The competition for the position was very keen, there being no less than 400 applicants from all parts of the country. Mr. Hayes was chosen from the three finally selected, his competitors being Mr. A. J. Austin, secretary of the City of London School, and Mr. de Vigne, secretary of the Ventnor Consumption Hospital. The salary attaching to the position is £600 a year.

Mr. Hayes is greatly to be congratulated upon his appointment, and, coming to Bart's as he does with a most popular record from Shadwell, we wish him a happy and successful career in his present honourable position.

Hospital Officers Entertain Mr. Cross.

Mr. W. H. Cross, who has recently resigned the office of clerk of St. Bartholomew's Hospital after nearly forty years' service, was on Friday evening entertained by the members of the "Hospital Officers' Club" at dinner at the Trocadero Restaurant. Mr. Thomas Ryan, Secretary of St. Mary's Hospital, President of the Club, presided, and a large number of the chief administrative officers from the principal London hospitals and other kindred institutions attended to do honour to the guest of the evening, and to show the high esteem in which he is held by his colleagues.

Legal Matters.

NEISON v. THE GOVERNORS OF THE LONDON HOSPITAL.

The case of Neison *v.* The Governors of the London Hospital, in which a nurse sought redress for wrongful dismissal, was down for hearing in the King's Bench Division on Thursday, February 23rd. The case was, however, settled in Court, and the terms of settlement did not transpire, much to the disappointment of the nurses in Court.

NURSE ARRESTED ON POISONING CHARGE.

Mary Mason, a nurse aged twenty-two, was last week charged at Bath with attempting to poison Miss Boyd, Matron of the Bath Eye Infirmary. It is the Matron's custom to drink a glass of milk each night, and on February 7th, detecting a strange smell about the milk, she did not drink it. It was subsequently submitted to an analyst. The nurse was remanded.

On Wednesday, March 1st, when the case was again brought up at the Bath Police Court, Mr. S. Pearce, on behalf of the Treasury, detailed the presumptive facts available, and said he realised that the magistrates would find it difficult with the materials at hand to put the accused on trial. She was accordingly discharged, Mr. Glover, for the defence, remarking that the Treasury offered no evidence because there was none to offer.

Popular Preparations.

VINOLIA.

The Vinolia Co., Ltd., of Malden Crescent, London, N.W., whose specialities are widely known to, and appreciated by nurses, are making a special offer to nurses in regard to certain of these specialities during the month of March. Particulars may be obtained on application to the address given above.

SANITAS.

The directors of the "Sanitas" Company, Ltd., one of the most popular, as well as efficacious of disinfectants, are to be congratulated on the continued prosperity of the business, and on their prospects for the future. The Chairman, Mr. C. T. Kingzett, F.I.C., F.C.S., was able to inform the shareholders at the twenty-seventh annual meeting that although the past year had not been a favourable one to their class of business, and was generally recognised as a poor one in respect of the general trade of the country, the business had continued to expand, and their sales were greater than in any previous year. The reason why, under these favourable circumstances, their shares had suffered any depreciation in market price was one of those things difficult to understand, except as arising out of the machinations of their trade rivals and others who were envious of their proud position. The jealousy, animosity, and rivalry of others, however, only instigated them, he rejoiced to say, to new and better efforts in the way of improving their manufactures, inventing new articles, and giving greater satisfaction to the millions who bought and used their goods, and he trusted that it ever would be so. Their manufactures included practically all kinds of disinfectants and many sanitary appliances, and "Sanitas Fluid" still easily held first place as a non-poisonous and effective disinfectant for household and sick-room purposes.

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