

for erecting a nurse's home in connection with the hospital.

The dingy district of Hackney Road was brightened on Tuesday by a picturesque little ceremony in connection with the new Nurses' Home of the North-Eastern Children's Hospital. The foundation stone was laid by Lady Amherst, the ceremony taking place under a scarlet and white awning in the hospital garden. The home, which is badly needed, the nurses having now to be accommodated in a distant house, will contain sixty bedrooms, with two large sitting-rooms, and will cost about £7,300. The sum in hand is about £5,500. After the ceremony some of the guests visited the wards, greatly to the delight of the little patients.

A meeting of the Distribution Committee connected with the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund was held on Tuesday at the Mansion House. A sum of £12,500 has been received under the will of the late Mr. Wyndham Francis Cook. The church collections so far show an increase over those of last year, when the total sum received was £63,000. The collection this year will exceed £75,000, including the bequest of £12,500 already referred to, and it will be the largest collection ever made since the foundation of the fund in 1872. Mr. George Herring's contribution to the fund last year amounted to £11,926.

The Committee of the Hostel of St. Luke, the medical and nursing home for the clergy and their families, have secured a building site in Fitzroy Square, and are making an appeal for £10,000 to enable them to erect a suitable hospital.

Peebles Hydropathic, which was built in 1879, at a cost of about £100,000, has been completely destroyed by fire.

Sir Claude de Orespigny, writing from Bukoba, German East Africa, states that he has paid a visit to the "sleeping sickness" hospital at Eutebbe. The disease, he says, has been known only for three years, and in Africa is freely discussed, as no person, either white or native, has ever recovered from it, and whole districts have been wiped out from this cause. For instance, near Jinga, Ripon Falls, 30,000 persons died, and many of the islands in the Victoria Nyanza are now uninhabited. The disease is conveyed by the tsetse fly, only 2 per cent., however, disseminating the fatal germ. At present it is doubtful whether the disease emanates directly from the fly, or whether the latter conveys it from fish. At the hospital are forty monkeys inoculated, half of whom die within two months, the remainder being considerably emaciated before recovery.

All idiots or cretins in the Alps are to be treated, at Government expense, by Professor Wagner's method of administering tablets of extract of the thyroid of sheep and other domestic animals.

### Notice.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

The Annual Report of the Society is now in print, price 1s. d., post free. Apply to Hon. Sec., 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W.

### Society of Chemical Industry.

The annual gatherings of the Society of Chemical Industry, which commenced on Monday, and will be continued daily till the 27th inst., derive special interest from the presence of the president, Dr. W. H. Nichols, of New York, and a number of visitors representing the New York, New England, and Canadian sections. Elaborate preparations have been made by the Reception Committee for the entertainment of the guests.

### Health Congress in London.

The programme of the London Congress of the Royal Institute of Public Health, which will extend from Wednesday, the 19th inst., to Tuesday, the 25th inst., has been issued. The opening meeting will be held at His Majesty's Theatre, Haymarket, on the Wednesday afternoon, when the Marquis of Londonderry, the President, will deliver his inaugural address. The public will be admitted to seats in the upper circle. In the evening, by invitation of the Council of the Royal Botanic Society, a fête will be given at the Botanic Gardens. The sectional meetings will begin on the following day. There are eight sections—namely, Preventive Medicine, Municipal Administration of the Education Acts, Child Study and School Hygiene, Engineering and Building Construction, Bacteriology and Chemistry, Veterinary Hygiene, Tropical Hygiene, and Naval and Military Hygiene, and full programmes of papers and discussions have been prepared. Facilities will be afforded by the London County Council and the Metropolitan Asylums Board to the members to visit various educational and other institutions, and numerous garden parties, excursions, &c., have been arranged. The Bishop of London will preach at a special service to be held on Sunday, the 23rd inst., at St. Paul's Cathedral.

### Literature for the Troops in South Africa.

Ex-Sergeant H. J. Johnson (5th West Middlesex R.V.), of 85, Wigmore Street, London, W., has received a letter from the Rev. H. M. Webb Peploe, Chaplain to the Forces, who, writing from Roberts's Heights, Pretoria, under date June 6th, says:—"Every paper you send is appreciated. During the last three weeks the new hospital up here has been opened, and the old one (which was nine miles away) closed. We have over 100 patients. The men particularly like magazines and illustrated or comic papers. Sets of games, too, would be a boon. Life is monotonous here, and such things terribly expensive." Sergeant Johnson appeals to readers to send a box of literature for the use of these troops. The only cost is carriage to Southampton, thence the War Office deliver free. On receipt of a post-card he will gladly supply (gratis) official labels and "baggage note" and instructions. He has similar urgent appeals from Middelburg, Transvaal, Wynberg, Cape Town (Depôt Hospital and Rest Camp), and from Potchefstroom, Transvaal. Sergeant Johnson still supplies (gratis) addressed postal wrappers for the various garrisons, which are a convenience to those persons who post their newspapers every Friday to South Africa. Postage is only 4d. per lb.; limit, 5 lb.

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