

on Saturday night. It was a temporary structure of corrugated iron, lined with match-boarding, and, owing, it is supposed, to the overheating of a flue it took fire and was in a blaze in a few minutes. Thanks to the admirable promptitude of the Lady Superintendent and nurses, the patients were immediately removed to the enteric pavilion so quietly and effectively that there was no loss of life, and one little patient removed in his sleep did not even know that anything unusual had occurred till the following morning.

At Southport last week the experiment of establishing a day nursery on the sands, where the babies of excursionists may be cared for or enjoy refreshing sleep, has been tried. So successful has the venture proved that it is resolved to continue it to the middle of September. The Mayoress, Miss Willett, states that mothers have told her that the nursery has enabled them to take their first holiday for years.

A public meeting was held at Newhaven, Sussex, last week, to consider the advisability of having a District Nurse for the town. An address was given by Miss Frances Gibson, County Superintendent of the Sussex County Nursing Association, explaining the objects of the scheme, and giving a comprehensive résumé of the work done by the Association in the county, and at the same time pointing out, how necessary, both to the doctor and patient, are the services of a qualified nurse. At the close of the meeting a committee was formed to give effect to the suggestion.

At the National Hospital, Bloemfontein, a nurse was naturally much alarmed to find, on retiring to rest, a black man concealed in her bedroom, evidently with criminal intent. When she raised the alarm the intruder disappeared, but the Board of the hospital, realising the serious character of the incident, reported the matter to the Government, requesting at the same time that the Government would cause iron bars to be placed across the windows for the protection of the nurses. The letter was addressed to the Colonial Secretary, who apparently handed it over to the department of the Commissioner for Public Works, and a reply was read from that department at a subsequent meeting of the Board, containing the extraordinary statement that the Government did not consider the expense would be justified. The Hospital Board consider the matter so serious that they have again written to the Government asking them to reconsider their decision.

## The Hospital World.

### ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL, CHEMULPO.

In all parts of the world there are arising officered by Englishmen and Englishwomen, hospitals maintained by public or private benevolence, where the best traditions of our home hospitals are carried on.

A good example of such a hospital is to be found in St. Luke's Hospital, the hospital of the English Church Mission at Chemulpo, Korea, which is supported by friends in the Royal Navy and other subscribers.

The hospital overlooks the harbour, and after the battle of Chemulpo in 1904 was lent to the Japanese for the use of the Russian wounded. It consists of doctors' quarters, nurses' quarters, operating rooms, two large wards, two private rooms, laboratory, dispensary, and surgery, with waiting rooms for men and women, and with the Korean kitchen and boys' quarters in the compound. Up to the present time there has been no women's ward, but one is to be opened shortly.

The foreign staff consists of the Medical Officer, Dr. H. H. Weir, M.A. Mrs. Weir acts as Lady Superintendent; as Nurse Skey, she was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and was gold medallist of her year; she is assisted by Nurse F. M. Rice.

Accidents and urgent cases are seen at any time, but the "great gate" of the hospital is only opened four days a week to ordinary out-patients, when the hospital flag, bearing a red cross and the words "Holy Doctrine Hospital" in Chinese characters, is hoisted to let the people far and wide know that the day is a "sickness seeing day."

The wards each contain twelve beds and are furnished very simply with plank beds on trestles, and pillows stuffed with sawdust. Bare and comfortless as this arrangement sounds, many of the Koreans who are admitted to the hospital have never been so comfortable before, and it is sometimes difficult to get them to leave.

Many and various are the cases admitted; one of opium poisoning is recorded in the last report, the details of which sound quaint to English ears. The patient had had a quarrel with his wife, and hit on the expedient of killing himself in order to punish her. He appeared to be very ill when admitted, vomiting blood in large quantities. It proved, however, to be not his own, but that of a fowl administered by his friends as an emetic, and had been so successful that he went home the same evening quite right.

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