

and surgical treatment, and enter a large lofty waiting hall well provided with light and air, where they are seen by the visiting physicians or surgeons, whose consulting-rooms are at the sides of the hall. New patients have to convince the inquiry officer that their circumstances are such as to render them fit subjects for hospital treatment. It is notable that slopes are used instead of stairs to avert danger to children or to mothers with babies in their arms in passing down to the dispensary in the basement. The large number of visitors were greatly impressed by the beauty, great convenience, and general thoroughness of the arrangements.

At the London Hospital Dinner on Monday, over which the Lord Mayor presided, at the Mansion House, in replying to the toast, the Hon. Sydney Holland—at his best appealing for the support of the great hospital he has practically remodelled—said that during the next five years the hospital would have to administer relief to no fewer than 1,500,000 people. If the needs of the situation were to be met they must have no less than £400,000 provided in the next five years for up-keep alone. They had been obliged to spend £500,000 in the last ten years, and still were only £170,000 poorer in their capital. Work carried on by the London Hospital was national in its character. During last year he sent out more than 117,000 personal letters to people asking them to aid the hospital. At the present time there were 300 more beds in the hospital than there were ten years ago, and the number of operating theatres had risen from 4 to 16. Last year there were 17,200 operations under anæsthetics performed. He appealed on behalf of the hospital, so that its gates might never be closed against the destitute and suffering poor. We are glad that at the close of the Dinner the Lord Mayor was able to announce that the sum of £60,970 had been subscribed at the table. £60,000 has already been collected through the quinquennial appeal.

H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany last week presented the prizes at a very successful Floral Fête, in aid of the Victoria Hospital, Kingston-on-Thames.

Irish Nurses and Registration.

There was a meeting of the Irish Nurses' Association at their rooms, 86, Lower Leeson Street, Dublin, on Friday, 3rd inst. The President, Miss Lucy Ramsden, Matron of the Rotunda Hospital, was in the chair. She informed the nurses present that the second reading of the Bill for State Registration of Nurses was to take place on Monday, the 6th inst., in the House of Lords. As it was the one of which the members of the Irish Nurses' Association approved; she urged upon all present to use any influence they might have with any Peers likely to be present to get them to vote for the Bill. Miss Butler, Lady Superintendent of Portobello Private Hospital, having added a few words, the proceedings terminated.

Legal Matters.

Miss Margaret McGregor Smith, the parish nurse of Watchet, Somersetshire, was awarded £100 damages at Bristol Assizes, on July 2nd, against Mr. James Bosley, a farmer and haulier, for slander. The statements complained of made imputations regarding the nurse's relations with a local married doctor, and the allegations were denied in evidence.

A Valuable Food.

Many people who know the value of Plasmon as an article of dietary, and have benefited from its use, are unaware of what Plasmon really is. They know that it is a soluble powder without taste or smell, but do not know that it is composed of the caseinogen and salts of milk in organic combination, and in an unaltered state.

A valuable feature of this food is that owing to its tastelessness it can be introduced into other foods without the patient being aware of the fact, as it in no way alters the flavour of a food to which it is added. A recent interesting article on the subject of Plasmon by the independent investigator of *Truth* has been reprinted in pamphlet form, and International Plasmon, Ltd., has also recently issued a new Cookery Book, obtainable from 66A, Farringdon Street, E.C., which gives many valuable recipes.

Those who are not already acquainted with it will be glad to know that Plasmon tea can be taken with impunity by many who have been obliged to give up ordinary tea. It may be noted that Plasmon has recently been adopted for use at King Edward's Sanatorium, Midhurst, Sussex.

The Hot Water Supply.

Many people know the difficulty of obtaining a plentiful supply of hot water early in the morning, and also on warm days in summer, when the kitchen range must be kept going, much to the discomfort of the domestic staff, so that the hot water supply may be maintained. Let those who have such trouble, or who are wise enough to do their cooking by gas, consult the Gas Light and Coke Company, Horseferry Road, Westminster, S. W., and they will find that a plentiful hot water supply can be easily and economically arranged for. A geyser can be installed in the bath-room, in which case the company make a point of employing the makers to fix the geyser they supply, so that perfectly satisfactory ventilating arrangements may be ensured, and the gas cooker, supplemented by a gas-heated, "wash-house boiler" in the scullery, which takes the place of the old-fashioned copper, provides for the domestic supply.

An interesting pamphlet, entitled "Ever Ready Hot Water," is published by the company. It may be studied with advantage.

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