

pital," whereupon a crowd of women and children came out to welcome me, "Ahlan wa Sahlan ya sittee" (Welcome, Lady"), was the general cry. Then a very old woman came up to me and, pointing with her finger, looking the picture of an old witch, said, "In the house there, the house of the father of Rasheed, is the sheikh; he is healing the child; for twelve hours he sits each day in a room with Rasheed." "And what is he doing for the child?" I asked. "He is doing nothing, Lady, nor speaking a word; but he is copying out many verses from the Koran, and soon the wallad (boy) will be quite strong again as before his illness." So Rasheed was having "silent treatment!"

But Rasheed's mother was doing something, by continuing the practical treatment the child had received during the time he was in hospital. She said she was giving him fifteen raw eggs each day! It seems a large number to consume daily. We will hope Rasheed had a little pinch of salt with each one; in any case you who read my letter will need a very big pinch to credit this statement.

Well, dear friends, I leave you to judge what worked the "cure," the three weeks of constant nursing in the hospital, or the "silent treatment" of the good old Sheikh. As some one said many hundred years ago, "We cannot tell; give God the praise," for little Rasheed is well and strong, and this morning rode up on a sturdy young donkey to thank us all, to kiss our hands as he expressed it. As he rode away he said, "I wish, lady, you could kill the Spirit of the Earth, then he could never hit me again." And in less than no time both boy and donkey were far out of sight.

SISTER MARIE.

THE VICTORIA HOSPITAL, NICE.

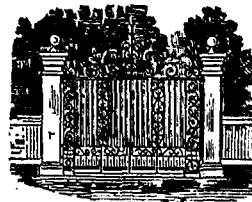
Sir George White, Bart., President of the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital at Nice, presiding at the annual meeting of the Institution, said that its usefulness was becoming more and more recognised. Forty-four cases were treated in 1908, and in the first four months of 1909 seventy-one had already been admitted, and some serious operations performed, all with complete success. He also stated that Mr. John Jaffé had undertaken to defray the cost of a new wing for the better housing of the nursing staff, and mentioned that they were fortunate in their Matron, Miss Bryant, who had brought most of her nurses this year from the Royal Infirmary, Bristol.

THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA.

For the safety of life at sea the Merchant Shipping Advisory Committee have issued a report in which the opinion is expressed that it is highly desirable that vessels should carry as part of their equipment some form of effective line-throwing appliance for the purpose of making communication with the shore in cases of ship-wreck or stranding, and with another ship when in distress at sea, in cases where it is either impossible or dangerous to communicate by boats. The Committee hold that nothing short of the compulsory carriage of a line-throwing appliance will be completely satisfactory.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



The officers of the International Women's Suffrage Alliance for the next quinquennial period, who were elected during the session of the Congress in London last week, are:—President, Mrs. Chapman Catt; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Millicent Garrett Fawcett and Miss Fürühjelm; Treasurer, Mrs. Stanton Coit; Secretaries, Miss Kramers, Frau Lindemann, and Miss Bergmann.

Queen Maud of Norway, who received Fru Gram, the Norwegian delegate to the Congress, in audience before she left for England, expressed the hope that the great work which the women now are doing all the world over would prove to be for the happiness and benefit of the women themselves, the home, and the nation. Her Majesty sent greetings to the Women's International Suffrage Congress, and especially to the women of her native country, Great and Glorious Britain.

The next Congress will probably be held at Stockholm in 1911. An international flag has been adopted.

The Home Secretary has appointed Miss Annie Muirhead Young to be an Inspector of Factories and Workshops.

At last the desire of the Dutch nation has been fulfilled, and by the birth of the little daughter of the Queen of the Netherlands there is now a direct heir to the throne. Many hopes centre round the cradle of the baby Princess of the House of Orange, for had Queen Wilhelmina remained childless the House must have become extinct and the Crown passed eventually to a sovereign of another nationality. Many are the good wishes expressed, not only in Holland, but in other countries, for the speedy restoration of the Queen to complete health, and for the welfare of her infant daughter.

The beautiful portrait busts and medallions of which Mrs. Adelaide Johnson is the sculptor are well known in this country as well as in America. Modelled by her skilful hands, the busts of such notable women as Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Ella Wheeler Wilcox, and others are not only excellent portraits in marble, but are instinct with personality, and the one of Miss Anthony, from which a full-length statue is being designed, which will be placed by that of Miss Willard in the Capitol at Washington, is said to be "so delicate and tender in modeling that it expresses not only the public, ethical, and reformatory side of the subject's experience, but the sweetness, placidity, and purity of her life and nature." We wish it were possible to secure portraits of distinguished members of the nursing profession by this gifted sculptor.

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