

floors facing Smithfield, and the various laboratories necessary to carry on the pathological work of the Hospital and Medical School will be on the second, third, and fourth floors. This work falls under three heads:—(1) The examination of diseased products from the wards, operating theatres, and post-mortem rooms with a view to diagnosis.—(2) The teaching of students. (3) The carrying on of original research.

Mr. J. G. Buckle, B.A., the Assistant Secretary of the Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich, has been appointed Secretary of University College Hospital.

The late Mr. Henry John Randall, of Bridgend, Glamorgan, bequeathed large sums for charitable purposes, including £6,000 on trust for investment, the income to be applied for the maintenance of the Bridgend Cottage Hospital.

Three inmates of the Chester Union Workhouse, one an imbecile, have just completed a handsome pulpit for the workhouse church, which is valued at about £80. It is elaborately carved, having in each panel an apostolic figure. The Guardians are placing on the pulpit an inscription recording the names of the workers.

A resolution has been passed by the Criminal Law and Prison Reform Committee of the Humanitarian League urging that in view of the fact that within the past three years, under a Liberal Government, more than seven hundred persons have undergone imprisonment for offences of a non-criminal nature, as in the demand for women's suffrage, free speech, religious liberty, and the agitation of the unemployed, a clear distinction should be made between those who have been convicted of some criminal offence and those who suffer for conscience sake.

The Incorporated Society for the Destruction of Vermin, which was formed to act in harmony and co-operation with local sanitary authorities for the extermination of vermin of all kinds, has circularised Borough Councils asking that the officials of their Public Health Committees will bring to the notice of the Society all cases of verminous dwellings so that the Society may, in conjunction with these authorities, efficiently cleanse such places.

"SCIENCE IN MODERN LIFE."

All modern life—in health and sickness—is so interwoven with the results of scientific research that no person can claim to be called "educated" who is in ignorance of the present position and outlook of national science. "Science in Modern Life" is a work which will provide in reasonable compass just what is wanted by the general reader who wishes up-to-date information.

Forthcoming volumes will deal with physiology, medicine, and hygiene. The first volume, recently published, is devoted to astronomy and geology. The work is edited by J. R. Ainsworth-Davis in co-operation with eleven well-known scientific authorities, and is published by the Gresham Publishing Company.

OUR DUMB FRIENDS' LEAGUE.

A generous response has been made to the appeal by the Committee of the Drivers' and Horse-keepers' Branch of "Our Dumb Friends'" League for funds to provide loin cloths for the horses of poor men during the winter months.

Further donations will be gratefully received and acknowledged by the Secretary, Mr. Arthur J. Coke, at 118, Victoria Street, S.W.

CONGRESS ON ALCOHOLISM.

The 12th International Congress on Alcoholism will assemble in the Imperial Institute and other convenient public buildings in South Kensington from July 18th to July 24th next. The Duke of Connaught is the Honorary President, and he will receive the support of Vice-Presidents representing the Government, both Houses of Parliament, religious bodies of all denominations, the medical and legal professions, education and the universities, the national services, municipal and commercial life, and the organised temperance movement.

SCOTT'S EMULSION NURSE'S DIARY AND EMERGENCY NOTE-BOOK.

An admirable and compact little diary for nurses is that issued by Scott and Bowne, Ltd., 10, Stone-cutter Street, E.C., which, in addition to a calendar and daily note-book, contains much useful information for private nurses. Included in this are rules for disinfection of a room while nursing a private case, and subsequently, poisons, (symptoms, and antidotes), invalid transport, and the firms from which ambulances of various kinds can be obtained, with the respective cost; hints on diet in different classes of cases, the form of making a will, etc. Incidentally it may be mentioned that it is not advisable for a nurse to witness a will if any one else can be found to do this. She may, when in attendance on another case, be subpoenaed to attend and give evidence in the event of any litigation arising with regard to it, and be put to great inconvenience thereby. Another convenient point in connection with the diary is that a pencil is inserted in the back.

CHEAPER GAS.

The New Year has brought a welcome gift to some half a million of London householders, in the shape of the announcement by the Gas Light and Coke Company of a further reduction in the price of gas. This time last year they reduced their price from 2s. 11d. to 2s. 10d. per 1,000 cubic feet, and now a further drop to 2s. 9d. is announced.

Gas is now so widely used in the home, not merely for lighting—in which field the economy and effectiveness of the inverted incandescent burner ensure its more than holding its own—but also as a cleanly and infinitely convenient substitute for coal, that this gradual but steady decrease in price means a great deal to a great many people.

It will also undoubtedly lead to a still greater consumption of gas for fuel, both in the home and in the workshop and factory.

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