

and status, and must have a disastrous result when the maintenance of internal discipline of the hospitals they have to control is in question.

At the opening of the Tuberculosis Congress at Berlin last Saturday, Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg, Imperial Minister of the Interior, said that the greater part of the work of the Central Committee was devoted to the development of institutions where experimental work might be carried on for combating tuberculosis. These institutions would be performing a particularly valuable service by agitating for the continuous disinfection of houses inhabited by consumptives, a measure not yet enforced.

HEROIC NURSES.

The Mayor of Aberavon, supported by the Town Council, has opened a benefit fund for Nurse Wharton, in recognition of her heroic conduct in saving the life of the child she was nursing when the terrible fire occurred at the Jersey Beach Hotel, Aberavon, in December last. The Mayor will be glad to receive contributions at the Town Clerk's Office.

An appeal is issued, signed by Lord Beauchamp, the Hon. Rupert Guinness, M.P., and others, on behalf of Nurse Murray, lately on the staff of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, who permanently injured herself by an act of heroism. The Asylums Board can only grant her a gratuity, and the case does not come within the scope of the Carnegie Fund, and as Nurse Murray is without private resources the appeal is now made. Mr. J. Frederick Schwann, of 6, Moorgate Street, E.C., has consented to act as treasurer.

CEREBOS SALT.

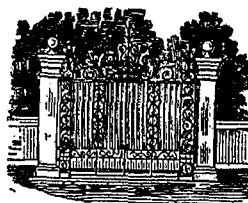
The claims made as to the composition of the well known Cerebos Salt are borne out by the report lately made by the British Analytical Control. The result of their analysis shows that the article consists of a well prepared salt containing a small percentage of mixed phosphates entirely soluble in the gastric juice. Cerebos Salt is entirely approved and recommended by the British Analytical Control as a genuine product of good quality. It is important to note that articles approved by the British Analytical Control are subject to their periodical scientific examination, in order that the original character and quality as guaranteed may be assured to the public.

WINCARNIS MOTOR AND CYCLIST MAP OF ENGLAND.

A handy and most useful motor and cyclist map of England has been issued by Coleman and Co., Ltd., Wincarnis Works, Norwich. The map is published in 16 different sections; thus No. 1 comprises London, Surrey, Sussex, and Kent; No. 2, Hampshire and mid-southern counties, and so on. Messrs. Coleman and Co. will, on receipt of a postcard, be pleased to forward a section on application, or if two penny stamps are sent they will send a complete set to any address. Cyclists and motorists should not fail to apply for these admirable maps.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



Lady Frances Balfour always adds to the gaiety of nations when she is present, and at a meeting last week of the Edinburgh National Women's Suffrage Society she told the following story:—When the chaplain of a women's prison learned that a Suffragist prisoner was a Presbyterian he said: "Ah, yes; that's it; you leave the Church for the chapel, the chapel for the public-house, and the public-house for the gaol." Lady Frances said that was the chaplain's view of any religion outside the Anglican Church. It made one ask if some holders of the franchise were capable of exercising it.

A very useful society is the "Poor Women's Legal Bureau," Club Union Buildings, Clerkenwell Road, E.C., an offshoot of the Women's Trade Union League. Mr. Alfred Mond, M.P., who presided at a meeting last week in its support, at his house, 35, Lowndes Square, S.W., explained that the object of the Society was to give free legal advice to working women in case of wrongful dismissal, compensation for accident, etc., in circumstances in which the working man had the support of his Union. Dr. Stephen Miall, Lady Cecilie Goff, Miss Sophy Sanger, Miss McArthur, and Canon Scott Holland also addressed the meeting. The latter spoke of the terrible handicap to the very poor, especially the female part. Their sole idea of the law was that it existed to punish them. This admirable Society was making it clear that the law was their friend, affording protection against oppression.

The Duchess of Somerset presided at the Caxton Hall, Westminster, last week at the Inaugural Conference of the Women's Navy League, which was influentially attended. Her Grace said they wanted more ships, more statesmen, fewer politicians, and fewer promises, the two-power standard to be maintained, and the eight Dreadnoughts, which were necessary to their naval supremacy, to be put in hand at once. The meeting, in a resolution moved by Lady Edward Spencer Churchill, pledged itself to bring home to the women of the nation a deeper sense of their responsibility on this vital question.

Miss Florence Buchanan, D.Sc., of London University, has been awarded a prize of £200 by the American Museum of Natural History for her thesis, "The time taken in the transmission of reflex impulses in the spinal cord of the frog." The prize is given every two years by the Association for the Promotion of Scientific Research by Women.

Miss Buchanan's thesis was unanimously pronounced the best of eleven submitted. Four of the theses were morphological, two bacteriological, two zoological, one physiological, one was in the domain of physical chemistry, and one related to parasitology.

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