

A new infirmary, erected and equipped by the Edmonton Guardians at a cost of between £70,000 and £80,000 was opened by Sir William Collins, M.P., on Monday last.

Lady Amptill has notified through the press that in spite of the more than unfavourable weather on the occasion of the recent fête at the Bedford County Hospital, a cheque for £630 has already been forwarded to the Secretary of the Hospital. Lady Amptill wishes it to be known how sensible she and her committee are of the splendid and substantial help they received from all over the county and the town, and particularly from the tradespeople, to whom she expresses their most cordial thanks.

The Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan, will receive £1,150 from the estate of Miss E. A. Robinson Morris towards the cost of the erection of an operating theatre, and anaesthetic, sterilising, and surgeons' room in connection.

The awards at the Japan-British Exhibition have just been published, and we notice that Lemco and Oxo have again obtained the highest possible honour, as in 1908 and 1909, viz., the Grand Prix. The success of this great company (the largest in the world devoted solely to the manufacture of concentrated beef foods) has been phenomenal since its formation 45 years ago, when it was awarded a gold medal at the first great Paris Exhibition of 1867 for founding a new industry. Captain Scott's ship, the *Terra Nova*, carries large supplies of the company's products for use in the Antarctic. In this connection our readers will probably remember Lieut. Sir E. H. Shackleton's historic cable on his return to New Zealand from the Antarctic, that he had "found Oxo excellent in sledge journeys and throughout the winter."

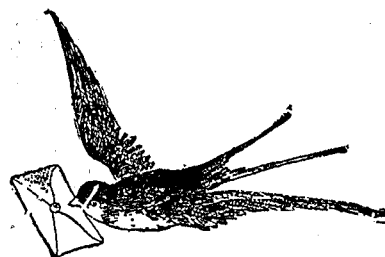
Legal Matters.

COMPENSATION TO AN INSPECTOR OF MIDWIVES

Judgment has been given by his Honour Judge Allen, at the Nottingham County Court, in a Workmen's Compensation case brought against the Notts County Council by Miss Louise Pauline Lessey, an Inspector of Midwives. Miss Lessey fell down in the street last winter when on the way to the Shire Hall and fractured her thigh, with the result that she has become permanently afflicted with hip disease. Her contention was that, as she was on the way to the Shire Hall to see if there were any instructions for her preparatory to going to Kimberley, she was following her employment at the time of the accident.—The defence was that her case did not come within the meaning of the Act, and that she was not working at the time of the accident.—His Honour held that Miss Lessey was a "workman" within the meaning of the Act, and that her employment commenced at the time of leaving home. The accident, therefore, was incidental to her employment, and he awarded her compensation at the rate of £1 per week, commencing April 1st last, with costs.

Our Foreign Letter.

DISTRICT NURSING IN AUSTRALASIA.



As you may be aware, a certain amount of anxiety was aroused in nursing circles in this Commonwealth

when it became known that her Excellency the Countess of Dudley was desirous of introducing a scheme of district nursing on national lines for the benefit of the people of this country. For so many years nurses and doctors here have worked so unceasingly to organise the profession of nursing, and have through the State Associations done such wonders through a system of voluntary registration to raise the standards and maintain a high moral tone in the nursing world that we must be forgiven a little apprehension. Those of us who have recently visited England have been astonished to find the standard for district nurses so insufficient—apart from that demanded for Queen's Nurses—and should very strongly object to any system which would provide women with only a few months' training for the poor, as the village and cottage nurse system does in England. Now our fears have been set at rest.

On Monday, June 15th, Australia's memorial to King Edward VII., in the shape of a new nursing army, was explained to a large and representative gathering of the nursing and medical professions at Government House, Sydney, when the Governor-General, Lord Dudley, outlined the District Nursing Scheme, which is generally acknowledged to be an excellent one. One cannot help contrasting the consideration given to the nursing profession here, and what would be *de rigueur* in England. Here it is recognised that without the help and approval of trained nurses no scheme could be thrust upon them—or a success. In England they would not be consulted at all. A powerful social committee would be formed. They would lay down rules and regulations, define professional standards, and rates of pay, and as we say here, the nurses might take it or leave it. The enfranchised women in this country are used to having a say about their own affairs, and understand the value of professional co-operation and efficiency, and the result is that in all probability the Bush Nursing Scheme will, with their hearty approval, be a grand success.

On the platform at Government House supporting their Excellencies, were Lady Chelmsford, Lord Plunkett, Mr. Harold Boulton, and Miss Amy Hughes, who is staying at Government House, Miss Garran (Secretary of the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association), Dr. Fiaschi (President, A.T.N.A.), Miss McGahey, Miss Creal, Miss Gould, Miss Kendal Davies, Dr. Jarvie Hood, Dr. Blackburn, Dr. Gillies, and a number of other

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