

The Directors of Arbroath Infirmary are contemplating carrying out important structural alterations upon the institution, upon the recommendation of Dr. Macintosh, of the Western Infirmary, Glasgow. These will involve a considerable expenditure, but the gratifying announcement has been made that the Directors have already the sum of over £5,000 in hand for this purpose.

At the annual meeting of the subscribers to the Aberdeen Eye Institution the report of the Directors drew attention to the large increase in the cases of conjunctivitis, or "pink eye," among school children. Dr. Galloway reported 3,945 new cases, and 15,770 attendances during the year, the comparatively large proportion of total attendances to new cases was, he said, due to the continuance of period outbreaks of contagious ophthalmia, or "pink eye," among school children, 585 having been treated for this affection during the year, as well as 375 adults. Dr. Galloway also drew attention to the "wholesale invasion" of school children, frequently over 100 a day, which, he said, raised the question as to how far this was compatible with the primary objects of a charitable eye institution. He drew attention to the arrangements made by the London County Council with various hospitals in London by which 2s. per head was paid for treatment, and £50 per annum to special medical officers for treating the cases on two half days a week.

In addition to its large out-patient department the Aberdeen Eye Hospital has six beds, three for male and three for female cases.

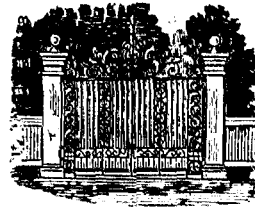
The Matron for the last five years has been Miss Annie M. Boyd, who is very desirous of making the institution and its needs better known. The active interest of some of the local residents in the patients would be greatly appreciated.

On January 18th, 1911, a public meeting is to be held under the presidency of the Lord Mayor of Dublin, at the Mansion House, to enlist the services of voluntary workers in connection with the Early Notification of Births Act, to assist the official workers, under the Public Health Committee.

It is worth remarking, as a proof of the universal esteem in which the late King Edward VII. was held, that the suggestion of the British residents in Uruguay to initiate a memorial fund is being promptly supported by handsome donations from foreign persons and firms. The plan is to build a new British hospital. A very advantageous suburban site has already been secured, and plans have been prepared for a thoroughly modern hospital and sanatorium, of between 50 and 60 beds, accommodating both ordinary patients and first-class private or paying patients. The total cost will be from £14,000 to £16,000, the greater part of which is already provided for. It is hoped to have the new building ready for occupation in some 12 to 15 months.

## Outside the Gates.

### WOMEN.



"I have often pitied men," says the Queen of Roumania, in her preface to Lady Hoare's book on "The Art of Tatting"; "in the first place because they can't know motherhood, in the second because they are bereft of our greatest comfort—needlework."

Girl messengers have been introduced into the General Post Office. The girls will take the place of the indoor boy messengers, particularly in those departments where female staffs are engaged, and their duties will consist largely of taking messages and papers from one part of the building to another, and other light work. Needless to say, they are to receive less salary than boys for the same hours of work.

The moral courage of women is a well authenticated fact. Now they are constantly giving evidence of splendid physical courage at the call of duty. At the inquest as to the death of Emma Rosser, aged nineteen, a Neath nursemaid, killed by a horse which knocked her down, it was stated that Miss Rosser lost her life in saving some children who were in the way of a runaway horse attached to a cart. In a plucky endeavour to succeed in this she fell under the horse and cart, and died from terrible injuries a few minutes later. We deeply deplore the loss of this noble woman.

According to the *Temps*, the Minister of Public Instruction proposes to confer the decoration of the Legion of Honour upon Mme. Judith Gautier, daughter of Théophile Gautier, in recognition of her services to French Literature. Mme. Gautier, who was born in 1850, and who at an early age married the late Catulle Mendès, is well known as the author of a number of works like "Le Dragon Impérial," and of a series of plays and poems.

Mrs. L. B. Walford, who has recently published "Recollections of a Scottish Novelist," writing of one of her best-known books, "Troublesome Daughters," says:—"Troublesome Daughters" elicited a letter from a daughter of Robert Chambers (and sister of Lady Priestley, in whose reminiscences she figures as "Annie") which is so brimful of sprightly charm—rare in a middle-aged woman—that for its own sake I append a portion of it.

"My husband happened to be kept at home yesterday—*no vera weel*—(awful business a man in the house, and not ill enough to be in bed—only able and willing, alas! to go poking and prying about, discovering mares'-nests in every sort of unexpected and unthought-of quarter)—when I set him down to 'Troublesome Daughters,' and peace ensued. I had no further trouble, except to get him to put out the candle, which one night, in the middle of the second

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