

national society for the prevention and cure of mental diseases is as great, if not greater, than in the case of consumption, but who will have the courage to inaugurate it? Throughout the Christian era—strange to say—the insane have been the victims of ignorance; they are so in a lesser degree than formerly, of course, to-day; and victims of ignorance and prejudice they will remain, until the present apathy and indifference of the sane as to the conditions under which they compel the insane to live shall be roused, and interest in these, the most helpless of all sufferers, take the place of present neglect and lack of sympathy.

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REFLECTIONS

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The executors of the late Captain Ralph Slazenger have allocated £1,000 of the £2,000 left for charitable purposes for the endowment of a bed in King Edward VII Ward of the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital.

The King has been pleased that for the future the Cardiff Infirmary shall be styled the King Edward VII Hospital, Cardiff. The desire of the Committee that the King shall open the new wing of the Infirmary next year has not been refused, but no promise can be given at present that it can be granted.

The Lord Mayor will lay the foundation stone of the Epping Forest Hospital at Buckhurst Hill on September 25th.

Rural isolation hospitals are notoriously short handed and inefficiently nursed, and we know of no branch of hospital work which requires such drastic reform. Some remarkable allegations were made by Councillor T. J. Pepper at a meeting of Worksop and Blyth and Cuckney Isolation Hospital Committee last week. He alleged that the Matron, the second nurse, and the wardmaid were away for a holiday without the Committee's permission, and three cases were brought into the hospital during their absence. The Clerk replied that the Matron asked permission of the Medical officer and himself, and she and the others came back promptly in response to a wire next day. Mr. Pepper said the hospital was left in charge of an inexperienced nurse. A child patient was brought in and there was no one else to receive it. The child died, and Dr. Garratt, who gave the Matron permission leave of absence, said whatever the Matron had done in the case the child would have died. It was decided that the Committee should hold a full inquiry into the allegations.

GRAND PRIX FOR IZAL.

The judges appointed to examine and report on the exhibits at the Festival of Empire have now announced their awards. Messrs. Newton, Chambers & Co., Ltd., of Thorncliffe, near Sheffield, have secured a Grand Prix for their Izal disinfectant preparations, thus adding one more to the remarkable series of highest possible awards obtained by them at international exhibitions at home and abroad.

Their exhibit at the Crystal Palace reveals the multifarious purposes—medical, surgical, veterinary, horticultural and domestic—for which Izal is offered to the public, and shows that in at least one department of applied science, British manufacturers have nothing to learn.

OXO'S LIVING PICTURES.

A most remarkable series of cinematograph pictures illustrating active daily life on the five million acres of the Oxo cattle farms, was shown to an assembly of editors and journalists from all parts of the country on Monday last, at a reception given by Mr. Charles E. Gunther, Chairman of the Company, at the model Oxo factory, at Southwark Bridge, London.

The series is fascinating from start to finish. After a short film depicting incidents on the voyage out to the Argentine, we are taken on a quickly moving launch past the works at Fray Bentos, one of the two great Oxo factories in the River Plate. Later we have a similar panoramic view of the large works at Colon. These two works give employment to about 5,000 men, and absorb, every working day of the killing season, no fewer than 3,000 cattle.

Then we are transplanted to the cattle farms themselves, which supply the ever increasing demand of the Oxo factories for cattle. Here we see thousands of beautiful animals of all ages. Born and bred on the open grassy plains, these animals are the very acme of health and good breeding. We see the cattle have a bath, and they seem to like it. The bath is composed of a well-known cattle dip, and after plunging through it they emerge quite free from irritating insects. Space will not permit of the detailed description which these Oxo films deserve.

We understand that these films are available for lectures throughout the Kingdom, and we strongly recommend those interested to communicate with Oxo, Thames House, London, to secure an early exhibition.

NINTH GRAND PRIX FOR OXO.

It is interesting to note that Oxo was the only fluid beef which obtained the much-coveted Grand Prix at the Festival of Empire Exhibition. This makes the ninth Grand Prix awarded to Oxo in the great international exhibitions during the last four years.

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