

patient. A portable electric light is provided at each bed, and all the furniture of the wards—couches, tables, and cabinets—is placed on leather castors to avoid unnecessary noise while being moved. The two towers placed at the south-east and south-west corners of the new wing respectively provide the sanitary annexes. The three wards, with the side ward, are each capable of accommodating twenty-four patients. The wall dividing the large wards from the side ward has a glass partition which is flush on both sides, preventing the lodgment of dust or dirt and allowing the nurses and attendants opportunity of observing more readily the patients in either ward.

In addition to the usual bathrooms and lavatory accommodation, provision has been made for special baths for the treatment of patients suffering with skin diseases. These rooms have been erected on the most modern principle, and are probably the most perfect of their kind in the country. Apart from the main structure there has also been erected a finely equipped clinical laboratory, which is practically the first of its kind in Scotland and in every detail will form one of the most complete and valuable departments in the institution.

THE LONDON MEDICAL EXHIBITION.

The London Medical Exhibition, which is being held this week at the Horticultural Hall, S.W., is organized annually by the *British and Colonial Druggist* newspaper, and is proving most successful.

There are 120 stands, and many of the leading firms are in evidence.

"Cadbury Bros., Ltd." are showing, as specialties, cocoa essence, dairy milk chocolate, and the new "Bournville Chocolate," the characteristics of which are their purity and delicious flavour.

"Bovril, Ltd.," are calling attention to their Invalid Bovril, which contains a high percentage of proteid.

"Glaxo," of standardised pure desiccated milk fame, have during the summer proved what a reliable specific it is for delicate infants.

"Jeyes' Sanitary Compounds Co." have on view their numerous preparations of Cyllin, all of which have become indispensable in hospital and home.

"The Medical Supply Association" always have something new. Macdonald's sterilizer, by which both dressings and instruments can be sterilized without becoming wet, or even moist, is an invaluable invention. The improved Sling Pillow and Tandem Filters are most practical.

"Newton, Chambers & Co." have Izal well to the fore. Unlike black soapy disinfectants, Izal mixes equally well with fresh, salt, or brackish waters. The Izal toilet preparations are deserving of the highest commendation.

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OUR FOREIGN LETTER.

LITTLE PAPERS FROM JAPAN.

HELP FOR THE LEPERS.

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It is quite usual to meet people who have travelled in Japan, who have never come across any lepers there, and are disposed to question what one says about the prevalence of the disease, but doctors tell us that it is known to exist in some 30,000 families and a moderate estimate puts the number of cases at 200,000. Statistics are necessarily vague, for until recently the subject was unexplored, no one daring to demand investigation for fear of exposing their own friends and relatives.

What the discovery of a case of leprosy involves will be seen from the following incident. Early one morning a well-dressed stranger called and asked to see my friend, Miss Riddell. He had evidently come on urgent business and asked at once if they could be overheard, as secrecy was of the utmost importance. The room they were in afforded no privacy, as the upper portion of the walls was of open fretwork, so she led him into an inner room where there were not likely to be eavesdroppers and then he told her how, many years before, one of his brothers had become a leper and had wandered away from home. They were content to let him go, and no attempt was made to follow or befriend him until this brother became a Christian, and then he began to feel troubled about him. One day he happened to overhear some strangers talking about Miss Riddell's leper hospital, and began to pray that he might find his poor outcast brother and be able to get him into this happy little retreat. At last they met in a railway station. We can hardly form any idea of what courage it must have taken to converse with a leper in a public place, but love makes heroes of us all, and Christ had put love into his heart. A Japanese rarely sheds tears, but the tears were in his eyes as he told the story and asked with desperate earnestness that the matter might be kept secret, for if it became known that he had a leper brother he would have to be divorced from his wife and his home would be broken up. Happily there was room in the hospital at the time, and the poor wanderer was taken in as a paying patient. He suffers constantly from headaches and is blind now, but he is one of the happiest Christians, and lives as one who, seeing the invisible, is able to endure and even to rejoice.

The hospital consists of an unpretentious group of low white buildings within an evergreen hedge, nestling cosily at the foot of a wooded hill. At the entrance a large board bears an inscription which, being interpreted, means "Hospital of Returning Spring." Inside, everything bears witness to the fitness of the name, for here those who had said farewell to hope have found it again. One of the good angels of the little com-

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