

permit of the maximum of sunlight and fresh air. The former, with its white tiled walls, enlivened with a nursery rhyme dado, picked out in blue and white tiles, with its French windows and spacious balcony, is a perfect specimen of an up-to-date children's ward, and is a worthy successor to the little "Nursery" which has long been considered inadequate to supply the needs of the children of Cumberland. On this special occasion the small inmates alone were wanting, but so lately had the building been completed that it was considered inadvisable to have them there. The Countess of Lonsdale, who performed the ceremony, was accompanied by Miss Amy Hughes, General Superintendent of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses. After the formal opening and inspection of the children's ward, a general meeting was held in the lower ward, the Bishop of Carlisle presiding. A letter of congratulation was read from the King, and a message was also received from Princess Louise.

At the close of the meeting the visitors adjourned to the Nurses' Home, where above 300 were entertained to tea by the Nursing Staff.

The "Sanitas" Company, Limited, the well-known manufacturers of all kinds of Disinfectants, have declared the usual Interim Dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum for the half-year ended September 30th last.

Messrs. J. S. Fry & Sons, Ltd., have been awarded the Grand Prix at the Turin Exhibition by the International Jury. It is hardly necessary to add that the Grand Prix is the highest possible distinction, and Messrs. Fry are to be congratulated on this latest addition to their already long list of international honours.

The Governing Bodies and medical staffs of the hospitals of Dublin have conveyed their united and most grateful thanks to Viscount Iveagh for his lordship's munificent gift of £50,000 to the city hospitals. This is only one of many ways in which Viscount Iveagh has contributed to the relief of distress, poverty, and suffering in Dublin.

For his splendid gifts the public are no less grateful than the governors and staff of the hospitals.

THE ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE.

SOUTH AFRICAN BRANCH.

The South African branch of the Royal Sanitary Institute has arranged to hold a Congress in Cape Town, on November 9th, 10th and 11th. This is the first Sanitary Congress to be held in British South Africa, and it is hoped that a large number of delegates will be sent by the municipalities and other authorities interested in sanitation. Among the subjects set down for discussion are: The disposal of sewage, the prevention of tuberculosis, the inspection of food, milk supplies, and school hygiene. Papers will also be read dealing with other aspects of public health work.

HEALTH CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION.

The (Biennial) Health Conference and Exhibition, referred to in our columns some weeks ago, is to be held under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, at the Horticultural Hall, on June 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th, 1912. Among others who are interested in the scheme are Muriel Viscountess Helmsley, Lady Wantage, Lady Balfour of Burleigh, the Hon. Lady Acland, Miss Alexander, Mrs. Ebdon, Miss Eden, and Miss Joseph. The Conference, which will extend over the four days, will deal with (1) the health of infants, (2) the health of boys and girls, (3) public health, and (4) the care and cure of the sick. The Conference and Exhibition are intended to appeal to all classes. Opportunity will be given for the discussion of the higher technical and scientific subjects connected with public health; but the chief aim is to illustrate the simple practical methods of hygiene and sanitation, which are attainable by even the humblest households, if only the inmates are willing and anxious, by regarding elementary principles, to insure good health to themselves and their children, and by this means to help toward maintaining a sound and healthy race.

The co-operation of all Public Health bodies and officials, as well as local health organisations, throughout the country is being sought in order to gain valuable support and to ascertain facts in regard to the splendid pioneer work that is being done in some localities, and which may prove of great value in influencing similar work in other places. Among the exhibits will be cookery demonstrations, First Aid and Home Nursing, Crèche life, a model home and how to clean it, healthy occupations for boys and girls, and the methods whereby a knowledge of simple domestic hygiene may be applied to every-day life.

Representatives of health organisations are invited to communicate with the Promoter and organising Secretary to the Conference and Exhibition, Miss R. V. Gill, and to suggest any subjects for discussion, and to offer any advice upon the methods which may be adopted to insure the practical utility of the Exhibition. Space will be allotted to the exhibits of philanthropic bodies and workers, in order that every opportunity may be afforded to give publicity to such work as may benefit the community. Communications relating to the Conference and private exhibits should be addressed to Miss Gill, 23, Harvard Road, Chiswick.

PRESENTATION.

Before leaving the Richmond Hospital, Dublin, to take up her new appointment as Matron at the Albert Agricultural College, Glasnevin, Miss O'Dowd received many marks of appreciation. The Governors, as well as the medical and surgical staffs, expressed their great appreciation of her services, and their regret at her departure; and the gift of the Matron and Nursing Staff was a silver sugar bowl and cream jug of solid silver.

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