

hospital are dangerous both to health and life—and would not be tolerated for an hour if they housed valuable bloodstock instead of working women, has no right to be entrusted with the management of a public institution. Sheltered behind a Royal Patron and an obsequious Press, nothing more callous than the treatment of the devoted nursing staff of St. Bartholomew's Hospital has ever been tolerated under the cloak of charity, than to permit them to sleep, year after year, in the death-traps in case of fire provided as bedrooms by the Governors of this wealthy charity.

All over the country, wherever we go, we find attached to every hospital worthy of public confidence a comfortable, beautiful and sanitary nurses' home. We feel the more indignant that St. Bartholomew's Hospital continues to flout public opinion in this connection, because huge sums of money have been expended in housing outpatients, the resident medical staff—and the microbes!

William Crouch, a Willesden working man, has left £230, all that he possessed, to the Willesden Cottage Hospital, in gratitude for benefits received while a patient there.

Miss Mary Houldsworth, of Rozelle, Ayr, left £24,000; and Mrs. Agnes Black, of Coldstream, left nearly £14,000, together with a portion of the residue of her estate, for religious and charitable purposes.

The accounts, which have come to hand of the sufferings of horses in the Balkan War have caused "Our Dumb Friends' League" to take immediate steps towards the equipment of an efficient veterinary corps. A special fund has been opened, and subscriptions are urgently invited. A substantial sum will be needed. Cheques should be sent at once, addressed Arthur J. Coke, Esq., O.D.F.L. Veterinary Corps, 58, Victoria St., London, S.W.

On Wednesday, November 6th, a small sale of work in aid of the Children's Ward was held in the Nurses' Home, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester.

The Dean of Canterbury (Dr. Wace) kindly opened the Sale. After a most interesting address, which specially appealed to Nurses and their work, the Dean was presented with a button-hole by one of the patients from the Children's Ward.

Practically all the articles for sale were given by the Nursing Staff, and after all expenses were paid, a sum of £25 was realised.

Tea was served in the Nurses' sitting-room, and the Royal Engineer Band played selections during the afternoon.

The Kent Education Committee have commenced the second course of twenty-four lectures on sick room cookery, which are held at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, once a week.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

WOMEN.

The Irish Party has covered itself with dishonour in denying the vote to women in Ireland in the Home Rule Bill. "Ireland a nation" rings hollow, with the mothers of the nation left out.

A very scandalous scene took place at the opening of a Chrysanthemum Show at Battersea Town Hall last week by Mr. John Burns, the President of the Local Government Board. No Minister is more intolerant where the enfranchisement of women is concerned than this man, who himself has suffered imprisonment for riotous behaviour in demand of more liberty for his own sex and class. A suffragette demanding votes for women causes him to lose all self-control, and at Battersea "Have her out," "Take no notice of that bleat," "Throw her out," were a few of the directions he shouted at the brutal and infuriated bullies, called stewards, who in half-dozens hurled themselves on any defenceless woman who dared to open her lips, and whom they seized and face downwards hustled through the mob, and threw out into the street. We do not wonder that it makes a woman's blood boil to realise that the money she earns is abstracted by law to pay the huge stipends of these tyrannical Ministers, who deny her free speech, and incite to cruel and disgusting violence. To witness such a scene is to realise the degradation of the whole nation, excepting only the women who have the courage to protest against it.

Women's Suffrage news from the United States is more encouraging. A New York despatch states that constitutional amendments, authorising woman suffrage, appear to have been adopted in Michigan, Kansas, and Arizona. In Oregon the result is in doubt. In Wisconsin the proposal has been decisively defeated. Of course, "our Miss Dock" is taking an active part in the splendid work being done by American women in claim of their political freedom.

Over 20,000 men and women took part in a great torchlight parade through the streets of New York, on November 5th, to celebrate the equal Suffrage victories in these three States. Nothing more inspiring had ever taken place in all the fights for women's rights in America.

One of the most interesting measures soon to be discussed by the Norwegian Parliament is a project under which an illegitimate child will not only be allowed to take his father's name, but can claim an equal share of his property with the legitimate children. This measure is a good "follow up" of the efficacious law for the protection of mothers, passed in 1892, which obliges the father of an illegitimate child to pay a pension to the mother, in default of which he is deprived of the rights of citizenship.

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