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LEGAL MATTERS.

The *Globe* is doing good service by pressing for information concerning what is known as "the Piccadilly Flat Case," in contrast to the silence of most of the daily papers. Several Members of Parliament have drawn attention to the subject in the House of Commons, and Mr. Keir Hardie has given notice of a comprehensive question.

The case of *Macgregor v. Herring*, in which the plaintiff sued the defendant for £75, is of interest as showing the ease with which nursing homes can be started, and the need for their regulation.

Mrs. Macgregor, who is described as a trained surgical nurse, claimed to be the wife of the defendant. She said that she had informed him when he proposed marriage to her that she had a husband who had deserted her nine years ago, and who might or might not be alive, but after enquiries she believed him to be dead. She and the defendant agreed to live together, and later he took her to Scotland, and introduced her to his friends, and she believed she was his wife by Scots law. As he was in financial difficulties she agreed to take patients at their house in West Cromwell Road. The patients were her patients and paid her by cheque but having no banking account she passed the cheques through Mr. Herring's account. After a child was born he deserted her. She had attempted to get money from him to support her and the child without success, and therefore claimed for the money lent. Mr. Justice Horridge gave judgment in the King's Bench Division for £53 4s., with costs on the High Court scale. His Lordship said the only defence set up was that an arrangement that the patients' fees should be handed to the defendant till the expense he incurred in providing the house for the plaintiff had been met. He had nothing to do with the moral aspect of the case. He did not believe that a business arrangement like this had been entered into.

REFLECTIONS

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

His Majesty the King is patron of the International Medical Congress which was opened on Wednesday last at the Albert Hall by Prince Arthur of Connaught. The Congress met last in London in 1881 when Sir James Paget was President, an office held this year by Sir Thomas Barlow. On Saturday, the 9th instant, there will be a joint session of the sections on dermatology, syphiligraphy, and forensic medicine at the Albert Hall, when "Syphilis: Its Dangers to the Community and the Question of State Control" will be discussed.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies has nominated a Committee, of which the Right Hon. the Earl of Desart, K.C.B., is Chairman, to report upon the present knowledge available on the question of the parts played by wild animals and tsetse flies in Africa in the maintenance and spread of trypanosome infections of man and stock, and the measures to be taken in order to obtain means of controlling these diseases. Dr. W. A. Chapple, M.P., is amongst the members of the very representative Committee appointed to consider this most important subject.

Islington Borough Council Public Health Committee report that the Local Government Board have now stated that they are prepared to approve the establishment of a municipal dispensary for the borough, on the lines set out in a draft scheme for the treatment of tuberculosis.

The Duchess of Albany last week visited the Cobham Cottage Hospital, and opened a new ward and operating theatre. After declaring the new buildings open, Her Royal Highness visited the wards and chatted with the patients.

The Duke of Westminster (Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire) and his little daughter, Lady Ursula Grosvenor, were present on the Chester Roodee, when Lord Methuen inspected the voluntary aid detachments of the Chester division of the Red Cross Society, organised by Lady Mackinnon.

The Director of the Pasteur Institute, Paris, reports successful experiments with a serum taken from the parotid glands of patients suffering from mumps. Inoculation with this serum in the case of monkeys produces the disease in a mild form and protects against further infection.

At the annual meeting of the Bristol Royal Infirmary Sir George White announced that the Prince of Wales had become an annual subscriber of £10, and that a sympathetic letter had been received from Queen Alexandra, who said it was of special interest to feel that a memorial of such importance as the new wing of the infirmary had been raised to King Edward.

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