

in the County Hospital, the jury found a verdict of death from misadventure, and warmly commended the courageous conduct of the night nurse, Miss Stella Carter. The nurse, who made every effort to prevent the man getting out, was knocked down by him during the struggle. The man, when free, went to the house of Dr. Carter, and after smashing the pantry window, was found dead in the garden with his head wedged in a water barrel.

### RECOGNITION FOR ACTIVE SERVICE.

At the Mall House, Spring Gardens, S.W. (the residence of Prince and Princess Louis of Battenberg), Princess Alice of Greece received seven nurses, two doctors and two Greek ladies, who worked in the recent war, and presented them with a Greek Red Cross, carried out in red enamel, depending from a red bow. In addition, the Princess gave to each of the nurses an oval gold brooch with the word "Alikie" in the centre. On the upper edge was the word, "Macedonia"; and on the lower, "1912, Piros, 1913." Amongst the nurses whose work was thus recognised and honoured were Miss Spencer and Miss Hopton (Charing Cross Hospital); Miss MacCormac (St. Bartholomew's Hospital); Miss Smith (London Hospital); and Miss Bullock (of Eastbourne). These charming gifts took the nurses entirely by surprise, as the Princess invited them to tea without any intimation of her intention.

### ROYAL COMMISSION ON VENEREAL DISEASES.

The King has approved the appointment of a Royal Commission, to inquire into the subject of Venereal Diseases in the United Kingdom.

The terms of reference are:

To inquire into the prevalence of venereal diseases in the United Kingdom, their effects upon the health of the community, and the means by which those effects can be alleviated or prevented, it being understood that no return to the policy or provisions of the Contagious Diseases Acts of 1864, 1866, 1869, is to be regarded as falling within the scope of the inquiry.

The Commission is constituted as follows: Lord Sydenham of Combe, G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., F.R.S. (chairman), the Right Hon. Sir David Brynmor Jones, K.C., M.P.; Philip Snowden, Esq., M.P.; Sir Kenelm E. Digby, G.C.B., K.C.; Sir Almeric FitzRoy, K.C.B., K.C.V.O.; Sir Malcolm Morris, K.C.V.O., F.R.C.S.; Sir John Collie, M.D.; Arthur Newsholme, Esq., C.B., M.D.; Canon J. W. Horsley; the Rev. J. Scott Lidgett, D.D.; Frederick Walker Mott, Esq., F.R.S., M.D.; James Ernest Lane, Esq., F.R.C.S.; Mrs. Scharlieb, M.D.; Mrs. Creighton; and Mrs. Burgwin.

The secretary to the Commission is Mr. E. R. Forber, of the Local Government Board.

Lord Sydenham, who has been appointed Chairman of the Royal Commission on Venereal Diseases, was formerly Sir George Clarke; he was an officer in the Royal Engineers, and has just retired from the post of Governor of Bombay.

### REFLECTIONS

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

We hope his Grace the Duke of Devonshire will be well supported at the festival dinner to be held on November 4th, in aid of the London Lock Hospital and Rescue Home. Hundreds of girls from all parts of the country, after medical treatment, have, through the medium of the Home, been able to make a fresh start in life. Hundreds of little children, victims of inherited disease, have been cured. £10,000 is required to free the hospital from debt.

The Earl of Derby has consented to accept the Office of President of the Twenty-ninth Congress of The Royal Sanitary Institute, to be held at Blackpool from July 6th to 11th, 1914.

Presiding at the annual dinner of former students of the London Hospital at the Savoy Hotel, Strand, Dr. Wilfrid J. Hadley referred to the effect of the National Insurance Act upon the hospital. Reduction in the number of out-patients would, he said, mean a reduction in teaching material for the student, and so serious was this in the matter of tuberculous patients (who were all seeking sanatorium benefits under the Act) that it might be necessary to institute a tuberculosis department.

Lord Donoughue, treasurer of the London Homeopathic Hospital, has received £500 from "A Nameless Samaritan," through Dr. Neatby, towards the endowment fund now being raised for a new children's ward in the Sir Henry Tyler wing.

The Chelsea Hospital for Women has received a grant of £500 from the Trustees of the Zunz Bequest. This donation is additional to the Trustees' promise of £10,000 towards the Rebuilding Fund.

Thirty-four new beds were added to the Salford Royal Hospital, on the occasion of the annual meeting, presided over by Sir William Mather. This brings the total beds up to 208.

The work of exploring the ruined Senghenydd mine entailed great physical exertion upon the men employed. It is interesting to note in this connection that five dozen large bottles of Bovril were supplied to the rescuers during their heroic exertions.

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