Probationer D. O. Crimmin and Probationer E. M. Parry, successful in the recent examinations at the Cardiff Union Infirmary, were last week presented by Mr. F. J. Beavan with gold medals bearing inscriptions of their achievements.

#### THE "ROSS" LAWN TENNIS CHALLENGE CUP.

The following were amongst those present at the final match held on Saturday, September 9th, at the Park Hospital, between the North-Western and the North-Eastern Hospitals: Mr. Eickhoff (Chairman of the Board) and Mrs. Eickhoff; Mr. Powell (Clerk to the Board); Mr. West; Mr. Benson. The Matrons were: Miss Ross (late Western), Miss Ambler Jones (South Eastern), Miss Villiers (South-Western), Miss Windmill (Queen Mary's), Miss Butler (Southern), Miss Worlesden (Eastern), Miss Henry (North-Eastern), Miss Reeve (North-Western), Miss Gooding (Western), Miss Owen (Highwood), Miss Bryson (Northern), Miss Angus (Cheyne Walk), Miss Speirs (Revmead).

Miss Speirs (Reymead). Others were Miss Woodfield, Dr. and Mrs. Thomson, Dr. & Mrs. Swyer, Dr. Agassiz, Dr. Cubleigh.

The Medical Superintendent of the Park Hospital is Dr. Woodfield and the Matron Miss Balsillie.

## NEW YELLOW FEVER SERUM.

A quantity of it arrived recently at Havre, and is to be sent on to Grand Bassam to be tried in the fever hospital there.

# COMITÉ AMÉRICAIN POUR LES RÉGIONS DEVASTÉES DE LA FRANCE.

Soissons, Aisne,

France.

### PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING.

JULY.

July has come and gone. Each month as it comes along seems busier than the last, and yet I suppose we should be grateful that July, because of its mild temperature, did not bring us the usual increase of illness among the babies. Vacations among the staff are still going on and our medical school examinations have come to an end, but "le travail qui suit," as we say in France, is enormous, and we are glad that the vacations of the children will allow us to have further access to them at all hours of the day.

#### CONVALESCENT CARE.

Switzerland.—This month we sent two groups of children to Geneva, the first a small party of ten children, composed of little girls who had been

ready to go to Camiers, and were refused at the last minute for lack of vacancies. Mlle. Moulin, our Directrice in Switzerland, came to our rescue, and these youngsters who needed convalescent care were not disappointed in their summer outing. The second group of children was sent towards the end of the month, and a party returned, with the usual marked improvement in their health.

*Camiers.* — The children whom we sent to Camiers early in June returned, and also showed improvement, but naturally not to such a marked degree as our Swiss children, because in the first place, they were not in as bad condition, and in the second, their stay was only six weeks, while our Swiss children have a stay of at least three months. Also, there was an epidemic of measles at Camiers, and several of our children developed it.

#### SCHOOL CHILDREN.

An exceedingly interesting analysis of our medical school examinations, conducted in ninetysix schools, for the year, has just been completed, and shows that out of the

- 3,673 school children examined during the year,
  - 1,552 were in good health, and
  - 2,121 needed attention of one sort or another.
  - 3,911 ailments were discovered,
  - 926 of which were cured,
  - 2,493 improved, and
  - 492 not improved.

A complete analysis of this report can be had on application to headquarters.

#### Blérancourt Hospital.

The orthopædic ward, spoken about in our bulletin last month is now open and seven children—little cripples—are rejoicing in the good care, fresh air and good food which they are receiving. There was a general protest from the nurses at the nurses' meeting when the question of closing the hospital in October came up. The consensus of opinion seems to be that while the hospital has, of course, been very much valued for the actual care given to the mothers, the nurses feel that the educational value has been even greater. They say that a mother who has had her baby in the Blérancourt Hospital is very easy to teach afterwards and that the babies leave the hospital in good health and make much better progress than the babies who leave other hospitals in the department, or who are brought into the world by some of the midwives in our section who really have no right to the title at all.

#### REIMS.

On July 16th, the contests for the best kept house and the best garden were held in four sections of barraquements at Reims. They were really a great success, and the main objects of the contest, namely, that it should be the occasion for a spring cleaning, as well as an encouragement to do better in the future, were fully attained. The nurses report that for a week before there was



