

There have unfortunately been more than the usual number of deaths under chloroform in this country recently. It is to be hoped that the results arrived at by the Commission may do something to diminish their number in the future.

SOME time ago the building committee of the Blackburn and East Lancashire Infirmary opened a competition for the best and most practical design for a Nurses' Home, and the plans submitted by Messrs. Simpson and Duckworth, local architects, were ultimately accepted. The building is to give accommodation for thirty Nurses and two domestic servants, and to include recreation-rooms, reading-room, small waiting-room adjacent to entrance, home Sisters' sitting-room, linen-room, two box-rooms, kitchen, scullery, and pantry, thirty bed-rooms for Nurses and one for servants, two bath-rooms, and the usual conveniences. The building will be a handsome structure of red brick, three stories high, in a style suited to that of the Infirmary, with which the Home will be connected by a covered way. The Home promises to be a model establishment, the distribution of the rooms in the three stories being most convenient, and the sanitary arrangements perfect; all being effected by the comparatively small outlay of £3,477. S. G.

FISH FOR THE PEOPLE.

ONE of the most satisfactory and successful among all recently attempted agencies for cheapening the food supplies of the people is unquestionably the Co-operative Fish Supply Company, Limited, of the Pontoon, Grimsby, and Billingsgate Buildings, London, E.C. The methods of this company have already attracted a great deal of public attention, based as they are upon principles which cannot fail to claim the thoughtful attention of all who are interested in seeing the rapid distribution and direct supply of a perishable commodity, which has hitherto been irregularly supplied, or supplied only at exorbitant and prohibitive prices. We think that a movement of this kind cannot fail to ameliorate the lot of those who daily imperil their lives off our coasts, and by enhancing the prices realised for their labour, as well as improving the position of all domestic fish buyers throughout the country, become quite a public boon. The Co-operative Fish Supply Company, Limited,

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sends out cheap parcels of fish from 2s. 6d., 3s., 4s., 5s., and upwards, carriage paid, to every part of the country, and have already sent out 200,000 parcels. Of course, in a business of this kind, immense difficulties have to be met and contended with at the outset, but the directors, having from the first solidly set to work to solve the problem, have hitherto been able to surmount every obstacle, and by locating themselves at almost every fishing port in the Kingdom (from whence they draw their supplies to Grimsby and London daily), as well as by arranging for cheap parcel rates with the various railway companies, are rapidly perfecting the system. The company undertakes to keep a house, a hotel, a hospital, or any other charitable or private undertaking, well supplied from day to day, week to week, or month to month, the year through, at the end of which time there can be no doubt that those who are accustomed to consume fish, either in large or small quantities, will be not only better in health, by reason of the fresh condition in which the food has reached them, but considerably in pocket as the result of the prices they have paid.

We see it is intended to establish distributing centres from time to time, as opportunity occurs, in nearly all the populous inland towns—an idea which cannot fail to gain the favourable ear of those townfolk who wish to increase the number of local industries, and who believe that the more local industries they have, the greater will be the prosperity of the people. Bearing in mind the great national importance of the fish question, and all its attendant industries in general, we are most pleased to welcome any effort which bids fair to forward its success, and finding that the Co-operative Fish Supply Company, Limited, is in the hands of capable men, who are in every way likely to do so, we have no hesitation in recommending our readers to liberally support them. Applications for order forms and details should at once be made to the Grimsby or London office, from whence the fullest particulars will immediately be sent.

INVENTIONS, NOTICES OF PREPARATIONS, &c.

NURSES' CHATELAINE DRESSING CASE.—One of the most useful and compact instrument cases for Nurses which we have ever met with has recently been designed by Messrs. Allen and Hanburys. It is intended to be worn suspended from the belt, and consists of a number of pockets arranged on a strong leather backing. These pockets contain an array of scissors, probes,

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