

AN interesting incident took place after the first morning concert at the Musical Festival at Leeds, says the *Pall Mall Gazette*. At the suggestion of the Rev. H. J. GLENNIE, the Chaplain at the General Infirmary, Mdme. Albani consented to give the patients an opportunity of hearing her voice. The distinguished artiste was conducted to the medical ward, where were assembled the students, the nurses, and a large number of patients, some of the latter occupying their beds. Alderman SPARK informed the company, which numbered about 200 persons altogether, that, though Mdme. ALBANI had only just concluded her performance in MENDELSSOHN'S oratorio, she had generously consented to sing "Home, Sweet Home," an announcement which was received with considerable satisfaction. With Mr. FREDERICK CLIFFE, as accompanist on the piano, the distinguished soprano sang that familiar melody with touching effect, and with an impressiveness that moved many of the patients to tears. She afterwards shook hands and spoke a few sympathetic words to some of the patients, one of whom, a tiny girl seven or eight years of age, who was introduced to Mdme. Albani, presented to her a beautiful bouquet on behalf of the inmates. An adjournment was then made to the surgical ward, where the vicar introduced Mdme. ALBANI to the patients there gathered, who expressed their delight that she should come to help to relieve their sufferings even for a moment. Once more the prima donna complied with a request to sing "Home, Sweet Home," which she gave most charmingly. As Mdme. ALBANI and her friends left the infirmary the students gave three ringing cheers in appreciation of the kindly interest which that lady had evinced in the institution and its suffering inmates. Mr. EDWARD LLOYD and other Festival soloists have promised to visit the Infirmary, and render a similar service.

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CHEMISTS in England are great on soaps and perfumery. In Germany, it appears that they largely devote their attention to the dairy department. According to the *Pharmaceutische Zeitung*, seventeen out of the twenty-six chemists in business in Leipzig, have lately added a sterilised-milk department to their business, and find it a paying accessory. By their united efforts, they feed one hundred babies a day, reckoning each infant to consume seven bottles of sterilised milk every twenty-four hours. The size of the bottles is not mentioned, but if we may assume them to be of ordinary capacity, the statement—shrewdly suggests the *Chemist and Druggist*—would seem to prove that in the matter of drinking powers, at any rate, the German child is father to the German man.

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THAT there is very little danger of infection in Cholera (says the *Pall Mall Gazette*), even for Nurses and Doctors, if they are careful to observe the simple rules regarding food and personal cleanliness, and above all to wash their hands after attending to the patients, is happily illustrated by the fact that during the whole time that Cholera has been raging in Hamburg only one Doctor and one Nursing Sister have taken the disease, and it is well known that in these sad cases—which both ended fatally—these precautions had been foolishly neglected.

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A CAPITAL dramatic performance was given in the Court House, Warwick, early in the month in aid of the Warwick Nursing Association. "A Pair of Lunatics" was creditably performed, and the evening closed with "Pepper's Diary," a bright little comedietta by ARTHUR MORRIS. Lieutenant Colonel GRUNDY, Captain GIBBS, and Miss KATHERINE PARR, performed the principal characters admirably. This little piece is in the hands of the Dramatic Authors' Agency, Tavistock-street, Covent Garden, who, by-the-bye, have just issued an excellent catalogue of dramatic pieces which will be sent gratis to any address. The season is just commencing, and medical charities can always appeal for help successfully to the amateur actor.

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COLONEL GILDEA'S scheme for the application of District Nurses to the nursing of the wives and families of soldiers and sailors in all the large garrison and seaport towns of the Kingdom, where no such provision at present exists, is already about to be put to a practical test. A Nurse has been engaged and immediately commences work at the Curragh. In Dublin arrangements have been made with St. Patrick's Home by which the wives and families shall be attended by the Nurses in their several districts, the visits being made on the authority of the Principal Army Medical Officer of the district. Similar arrangements are being made for nursing the whole of the York garrison. A great point has been made that when the Nurse is not actually employed in attending the sick, she should in turn visit the several families in her district, and give hints on matters of health and hygiene. The movement has received the hearty support and approval of both Military and Medical Officers at these and other stations. Colonel Gildea who is Secretary of the Queen's Institute is perhaps better known as the Founder and Chairman of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, and for his active interest with almost every work connected with the good of the soldier and sailor as well as their families for the last twenty years.

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