

Lord and Lady Oranmore and Browne, Lord and Lady Rothschild, Lord and Lady Strathcona and Mount Royal, the Postmaster-General, the Chairman of the London County Council and Mrs. Benn, the Governor of the Bank of England and Mrs. Morley, the President of the Royal College of Surgeons and Mrs. Tweedy, the Right Hon. C. Stuart Wortley, K.C., M.P., Sir John Aird, Bart., M.P., and Lady Aird, Sir W. S. and Lady Church, the Right Hon. Sir Savile Crossley, Bart., M.P., and Lady Crossley.

Tea was served under a verandah-fashioned awning, and beautiful bouquets of purple, yellow, and white iris adorned the tables. A tent with small tables was reserved for the Royal hosts and their specially-favoured guests.

After tea the Prince and Princess again moved about among their guests, speaking to many of them, and when the band played "God Save the King" the visitors rose to leave, feeling charmed with the gracious reception and stimulated by it to help still further all the sick and needy who cannot help themselves.

ACCIDENTS IN THE COUNTRY.

THE following letter from Sir Henry Burdett appeared in the *Times* of Saturday last: On Whit Monday an accident happened to me in the country which might fall to the lot of any one at any time. I was driving in a wagonette along a country lane, when, on turning into a main road, a motor-car appeared, coming towards us, being about a quarter of a mile off. The horse became restive and then bolted in the direction of the motor-car, when the coachman succeeded in turning the horse off the road on to some rough grass to the left of it, near a brickfield. This excited the animal to greater speed, and unfortunately there were some heaps left by the roadside which the coachman could not avoid, which resulted in the carriage being upset violently on its left side and then turned turtle. There were four occupants of the carriage, one of whom, a lady, was uninjured; Canon Lawson, who had a throat wound and fractured his left arm; the coachman, who was severely bruised and cut about the head; and myself. I occupied a low seat by the side of the driver which gave me no purchase, and when the horse bolted and the carriage came into collision with the heap I was shot with great violence ahead of the carriage. When the vehicle turned over I received several violent blows, was spun along like a teetotum, and with two final blows over the region of the heart escaped without further maltreatment. I became unconscious, and it subsequently transpired that, in addition to concussion, I had received several fractures, the worst being that of the left shoulder joint, involving all the bones entering into that joint. Almost every part of my body was bruised or lacerated, but, fortunately, my head and right arm were practically uninjured, though both were bruised.

I give these details in order to enforce the point which I wish to make. The condition to which I was reduced gave me the most excruciating pain, for there was only one small place on the right side where I could suffer pressure at all, on which I have had to lie. My condition, which may be the condition of anyone to-morrow in a country district who meets with a similar accident, will best be realised when I state that for nine days and nights it was only possible for me, owing to the pain, to obtain in the whole seven hours' natural sleep, and they were due to the provision of certain appliances which I obtained from London. The arrival of these appliances at once reduced my sufferings by 80 per cent.

Now severe accidents, involving great pain and suffering, are constantly happening in the country—in the hunt-

ing field, to cyclists, and from motor-car and carriage accidents. No ordinary house, and no hotel or inn, as at present constituted, contains any special provision for the comfort of cases of this kind, a fact which calls for a speedy remedy. I venture to suggest, therefore, that every hunt committee and the various cycle and motor clubs should take this matter in hand and provide fracture beds with every modern appliance for the comfort of sufferers from severe accidents, which could be obtained whenever needed in the districts where the accidents occur. The amount involved in making such provision is relatively small, but the saving in human suffering and in the risks to life would be great. I have now organised one complete accident equipment of the kind for my own comfort, which has brought me sleep when sleep was denied me, and has so supplemented the zealous skill of my medical attendants and nurses that there is every prospect of my making a perfectly good recovery within a reasonable time. I shall be glad to co-operate with any one with the view to the provision of such an accident equipment who may entertain the suggestion I here make and determine to provide it in the district where they may live in the country.

Having almost miraculously escaped death, I desire to remind my colleagues and friends in the Metropolitan Press, who have so generously co-operated with me for 30 years at least in the cause of the hospitals, that Sunday, June 12, is Hospital Sunday. It has been my privilege to supply them each year with figures and materials in order to bring this fact with telling force to the notice of the public during each weekday commencing Monday, June 6th next. I have, with as much self-command as I could muster, done my best this year, but am conscious of necessary imperfections and possibly diminished force in the appeal I have somewhat painfully prepared. May I therefore through your courtesy appeal to every editor and writer in the Metropolitan Press to help me with their sympathy by making a special effort themselves to arouse the public this year to the claims of the Hospital Sunday Fund? They will so secure that the hospitals shall gain rather than lose by my enforced absence from the army of workers and preachers who will unite to help the hospitals throughout next week and on Hospital Sunday, June 12th, 1904.

EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

[Our Correspondents are reminded that prolixity is a great bar to publication, and that brevity of style and conciseness of statement greatly facilitate early insertion.]

DIVERS' OR "CAISSON" DISEASE.

To the Editor of THE HOSPITAL.

SIR,—In your issue of May 7th there appeared an article on this subject which may lead to some amount of misapprehension. The article refers to the announcement by Professor Leonard Hill of his discovery of the mode of causation of this disease by the solution of gases in the blood. In the *Times* of May 14th there appeared a letter of Dr. Hill's in the postscript of which he states that he and Professor Macleod make no claim to this discovery. In Vol. III. of the "*Journal of Hygiene*," 1903, an article by these writers states that this cause was *proved* to be the true one by Paul Bert's experiments, published in 1878. In 1896 I published a book on "*Compressed Air Illness*," in which I attempted to show that Paul Bert's explanation was the only one which fully explained the diverse symptoms of this illness. An article by myself, which you were good enough to insert in your issue of May 22nd, 1897, reiterated this. Further, in 1900, a com-

pendious work by Drs. Heller, Mager, and Hermann v. Schrötter, on "Air-pressure Illnesses," which is the most complete and authoritative book yet published on the subject, puts the matter entirely beyond doubt.

I am not an anti-vivisectionist, but I can agree with your correspondent, Dr. Edward Berdoe, so far as to say that this matter has been so fully determined that further experiments on the same lines as those of Paul Bert and Professor Schrötter have been rendered quite unnecessary.

I am, yours faithfully,

E. H. SNELL.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.

To the Editor of THE HOSPITAL.

SIR,—In the obituary notice of Mr. Adrian Hope, which appeared in THE HOSPITAL for May 14th, I read the following statement:—"In 1888 the total revenue of the Hospital [for Sick Children] was a little over £20,000 a year, and in 1902 the total receipts exceeded £41,000," etc. As this statement is somewhat misleading, and calculated to produce an impression that we are much richer than we are, may I be allowed to tell your readers that in 1888 our "revenue . . . a year"—which I take to mean more or less reliable ordinary income—was £13,239. The proceeds of the Children's Jubilee Tribute and legacies brought in an additional sum of £7,821, but this can hardly be reckoned as revenue. In 1902 the Imperial Coronation Bazaar produced a sum of £17,852 18s. 1d.; not £19,000, as stated in your article.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

JOHN MURRAY.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

John Bowes, M.D.Edin., C.M., Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Failsworth District of the Prestwich Union. Herbert W. Carson, F.R.C.S.Eng., Surgeon to the Tottenham Hospital. John Costelloe, M.B., Ch.M.Melb., Government Medical Officer and Vaccinator at Babranald, N.S.W. L. Erasmus Ellis, M.D.Brux., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., L.S.A.Lond., Clinical Assistant to St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, Leicester Square, W.C. E. Florence, M.D., Visiting Surgeon to the Gaol at Cootamundra, N.S.W. Geo. E. Froggatt, M.B., B.S.Durh., Medical Superintendent of the Shoreditch Workhouse and Infirmary. A. Leonard Fuller, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., Honorary Assistant Surgeon to the Royal United Hospital, Bath. O. T. Williams, M.R.C.S., F.R.C.P.Lond., Resident Medical Officer, West Derby Union Infirmary.

HOUSE APPOINTMENTS AT ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.—The following gentlemen have been selected as House Officers from Tuesday, June 7th, 1904:—Resident House Physicians: G. C. Adeney, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (Extension); E. A. Ross, M.B.,

B.C.Cantab. (Extension); H. C. Lecky, M.A., M.B., B.Ch.Oxon.; C. H. Latham, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. House Physicians to Out-Patients: B. Higham, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; W. Haward, M.B., B.S.Durh., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Resident House Surgeons: W. I. Harnett, M.A., M.B., B.C.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (Extension); H. I. Pinches, M.A., M.B., B.C.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (Extension); T. Guthrie, M.A., M.B., B.C.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (Extension); L. E. Wigram, M.A., M.B., B.C.Cantab. (Extension). House Surgeons to Out-patients: H. S. Bennett, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (Extension); N. C. Carver, B.A., B.C.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (Extension); A. C. Birt, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (Extension); G. T. Birks, M.A., M.B., B.C.Cantab. (Extension). Obstetric House Physicians: (Senior) G. N. Sears, M.B., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; (Junior) J. P. Hedley, M.A., M.B., B.C.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Special Departments: (Throat) W. Ibbotson, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (Extension); G. R. Rickett, M.A., B.C.Cantab.; (Skin) G. R. Rickett, M.A., B.C.Cantab.; (Ear) W. Ibbotson, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (Extension).

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(2331)

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