

crowded, specially on the female side. He hoped the new female observation dormitory would soon be ready for occupation.

England and Wales.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.]

WALES.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WALES.

At the court of the University of Wales held on May 17th at Bangor, Mr. Lynn Thomas, C.B., Surgeon to the King Edward VII Hospital, Cardiff (the Cardiff Infirmary), was elected Junior Deputy Chancellor in succession to Colonel Sir Pryce Jones. The King is Chancellor of the university, and Lord Kenyon, who presided over the court, is Senior Deputy Chancellor. The other candidate for the post of junior deputy chancellor was Sir Marchant Williams, one of the Treasury representatives on the court of the university. We recently had occasion to refer to the steps which were in contemplation to complete the Medical Faculty of the University of Wales, and to establish a complete medical school in the University College for South Wales and Monmouthshire at Cardiff. In electing Mr. Lynn Thomas to the office of Junior Deputy Chancellor, the Court was no doubt actuated by the desire to place in high office one who is intimately identified with the scheme for the establishment of a complete Welsh medical school in Cardiff. His participation in the *Wanderlust*, to which, as noted elsewhere, British surgeons have wisely in recent years more and more given free rein, has afforded him opportunities of becoming acquainted with the system of medical teaching and research in the universities and university hospitals and institutes of other countries. This experience will stand the Welsh school in good stead during the deliberations on the many important questions which must shortly be decided.

GIFT TO THE NEWPORT HOSPITAL.

At the meeting of the directors of the Newport and Monmouthshire Hospital on May 30th, Sir A. Garrod Thomas, M.D., who was in the chair, announced that Lord Tredegar had presented, in memory of his uncle and predecessor in the title, the house and grounds of The Friars, a beautiful house of Gothic style, situated on an eminence above the hospital and quite close to it. The donor hoped that the house would be used as a convalescent home, and the gardens, which extend for some 14 acres, as pleasure grounds for the benefit of the hospital generally. Sir Garrod Thomas, in making the announcement, said that the gift would place the Newport Hospital in a most enviable position, and without encroaching upon the green fields, which extended right up to the present hospital grounds, it would be possible to make any necessary extension of the hospital buildings. The value of the gift is estimated at over £20,000. Lord Tredegar was unanimously elected president and trustee of the hospital in place of the late peer.

THE CARDIFF HOSPITAL.

The medical board reported to the governing body of the Cardiff Hospital on May 14th that a communication had been received from the Honorary Secretary of the Swansea Division of the British Medical Association with reference to the treatment of members of any society or association having for its object the employment of medical men under conditions not approved by the medical profession. After careful consideration the medical board had decided to reply that the medical staff was in full sympathy with the staff of the Swansea Hospital, but, as no communication had been received from the Cardiff Division of the Association, no action could be taken. After a member had urged the hospital board not to allow any local dispute to interfere with the work of the hospital, the discussion closed.

LIVERPOOL.

ROYAL INFIRMARY.

THROUGH the energy and enthusiasm of one of the Liverpool daily papers a fund of over £2,000 has been raised to provide the Royal Infirmary with a supply of radium sufficient for therapeutic purposes. It will be under the control of the radiographer of the institution, Dr. Thurstan Holland.

SWIMMING BATHS.

The City Council has decided to provide swimming baths at the Pier Head, the heart of the business portion of the city. This scheme will cost little short of £100,000, but the resulting building will be worthy of the city and in keeping with the important edifices in the same neighbourhood.

ABATTOIRS.

The question of the removal of the abattoir from the neighbourhood of the university and the Royal Infirmary is still undecided, but will shortly be brought to a definite issue. From a medical and an aesthetic point of view there can be little doubt as to the desirability of a removal.

GYNAECOLOGY AND OBSTETRICS.

Dr. Willett has been appointed to the staff of the Lying-in Hospital, and to the staff of the Hospital for Women. He thus fills the two vacancies caused by the death of the late Dr. Arthur Wallace.

India.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

NEW COCAINE RULES.

REVISED rules regulating the import and possession of cocaine in the Punjab have recently been published. They cover, with certain exceptions, all cocaine preparations, and all drugs, synthetic or other, having a like physiological effect to that of cocaine. The quantities of such drugs allowed to be possessed by certain specified persons are as follows:—By officers of Government, such drugs as come into their possession in the course of their official duties; by medical practitioners (including medical and veterinary officers of Government when engaged in private practice) up to the limit of half an ounce; by a licensee, up to the limit of his licence; by any other person, up to the limit of such quantity as he may have purchased on the prescription of a qualified medical practitioner. The preparations of cocaine specially exempted from these rules are as follows:—Cocaine used in impure solutions in ointments for local application and made nauseous to the taste, or the following bona fide proprietary medicated articles:—(1) Toothache drops. (2) Ear drops. (3) Compound tablets of lozenges composed of—(a) cocaine, chlorate of potash, and borax; (b) krameria and cocaine; (c) menthol, cocaine, and red gum; (d) benzoin and cocaine, provided that they are stated by the makers to contain not more than $\frac{1}{8}$ grain of cocaine, novocain, eucaine, beta eucaine and beta eucaine lactate, or holocaine in each lozenge or tablet; and certain proprietary mixtures. There have recently been many cocaine raids, and the Report room at Sall Police Station has been overflowing every morning with persons arrested the previous night on charges of being in possession of the drug.

MOSQUITOS IN ASSAM.

An interesting experiment has been made by Captain T. C. McCombie Young, I.M.S., under the instructions of Government, which sanctioned an expenditure of Rs.900 in the new civil station of Dacca. The Ramna, as it is called, is a recently cleared area upon which the residences of civil officials and some of the new Government offices at Dacca were built. Numerous tanks and ruins of mosques give evidence of its former habitation. Captain Young started operations in November, 1911. The area under treatment comprised about two square miles, and the buildings on it were good class private houses with their compounds, a residential college, and