

LANCHESTER JOIST HOSPITAL

BOARD.

On Thursday week, the monthly meeting of the body was held in the Board Room of the Union Buildings, Lambeth—Mrs. Isaac Nicholson, J.P., was voted to the chair. The other representative present were:—Messrs. Joshua Lax, J.P., James Oliver, Robert Kay, William Cottler, Wm. Rotherford, H. E. Wood, and the Clerk (Mrs. W. H. L.).

The Appointment of a Medical Officer for the Langley Park Hospital.

The first business for consideration, after the reading of the minutes, was the appointment of a Medical Officer for the new Infectious Hospital at Langley Park.

The Clerk stated that there were only two applications for the post. One was from Dr. Norman, of Foch Warming, whose letter stated that he lived within five miles of the walls of the hospital, and that he was prepared to devote his whole time to the service of the hospital, and to give every attention to the duties. The other applicant was from Mr. John Wilson, J.P., of Llandrystro, who wrote to the effect that he was already a medical officer for the Union, and was therefore in a position to undertake with such duties as might be required for the hospital.

Mr. Oliver proposed that Mr. Wilson should

reputed medical officer to the new hospital. "It was a gentleman that was well-known to the whole of them, and had lived in the district for a great many years. He was already medical officer to the Workhouse, and the Lancaster districts connected with the Union, and his general ability was everything that was required. If he was in order, he should the same meet with the views of the members he would add that the medical officer's salary be similar to that paid to the medical officer of the Leeds City Fever Hospital. The salary was paid to Mr. Bennett was £20 per annum. The reason he did this was because he believed in the importance of the district was very similar. This was arranged."

This report was read as follows:—
Gentlemen,—Since November 21st, two persons have been admitted to the Leadenhall Hospital, viz.:

Mr. Officer: It is a most interesting report. One of the best that we have had for some time. The Chairman says the new management seems to be giving entire satisfaction and the fever epidemic in the district seems now to have abated.

Chairman's Report.

The report from the architect of the Leighton Fever Hospital was read, pointing out the number of patients in the institution, and stated the new machine required had been received.

The Condition of the Leighton Fever Hospital.

Mr. J. W. Renshaw, architect, Newcastle reported on alterations and improvements required in the old parts of the buildings of the Leighton Fever Hospital. He said the old pavilion was built with a collar beam roof, the wards having sloping roofs to the eaves. This unfortunate arrangement was one of the chief faults of the block, and was one of the best causes of hospital construction.

the chimney, and the use of a cold air duct for the comparatively small air flow, exceeding the upper parts of the chimney. The central flue is not used for the down draft, but for heating the house. Two brick inner chimneys are installed, and allow hot smoke and wet gases to penetrate at their upper ends. More effective devices are needed. The surfaces of the walls inside the very thick, being doubly covered with one of brickwork, that is to say above the doors which is of glazed bricks. These walls should be plastered either with portland or sand-lime. The sanitary arrangements were very imperfect. However, satisfactory earth closets may be installed outside of buildings, and in some situa-

to be used in the building. The substitution of a good potent water-closet. In the exposed situation in which the Hospital stands double windows would help to keep up the winter temperature in the wards, and should be secured. The suggestion also the duplicating of the west pavilion, so as to give four or six additional beds in two wards, and another nurses' room. The kitchen in the west wing was too small. He suggested a pencil drawing showing a small hall at the west end, by adding a sitting room with a bed-room above, and that one of the small attics should be converted into a bath-room. With regard to the laundry and disinfecting chamber, Mr. Rosewhite stated that

The wash-house was too small, and during the winter months the process of drying the linen had to be carried on in the wards. When the new disinfecting chamber was built at the back and north side of the laundry it would be a comparative inexpensive matter to add an ironing and drying room, and the lighting of the whole of the buildings by gas. The use of oil would vastly improve the illumination, and the disposal of the sewage was a question of cost, inasmuch as it might involve the construction of a septic tank, and the consequent expenditure of some additional land. It was, however, felt that the present arrangements were not so far from satisfactory, owing to the proximity of the

to deal to the building, as would also tend to the comfort of the smaller women, and the duty seems of the west pavilion if outside washes were appended for the windows. The action of the apparatus for the supply of hot water to the lavatories, &c., was considered to be inefficient. The Chairman stated that Mr. Routhwaite had admitted to them a large order. The old ward was not a comfortable place, and something would have to be done to it. He did not think the other changes mentioned in the report were required. Mr. Routhwaite was called in, and presented his plans showing the proposed alterations. The Chairman (to Mr. Routhwaite): You have given us a large order.

Mr. Rounthwaite: Well, that all depends upon the menials. It is a most unfortunate building. He had examined the whole erection, and then he thought he would just submit the report, and the members could decide what work should be carried out.

It was decided that the report and the plans should be gone into by the local Committee, and report upon the whole of the proposal.

On the motion of Mr. Oliver, seconded by Mr. Cox, the report was adopted.

Lungley Park Hospital.

It was agreed that Messrs. Davison and Sons, Const., should be instructed to provide the furnishings.

The new hospital at Langley Park.
It was resolved that tenders should be procured for the supply of a new ambulance carriage.
The Question of Representation.
A letter was read from the Local Government Board with respect to some alterations in the provisions of the order dealing with the representation of the Board.
The Clerk stated there would have to be a local inquiry dealing with the representation of Tandridge, owing to the same becoming an Urban District.
Mr. Wood: When has the inquiry to be?
The Clerk: I do not know.

Cheques.
Cheques to the amount of £193 6s 4d were signed.
This was all the business.

TEMPERANCE MEETING AT CONSETT.

On Sunday evening week, the concluding meeting of the Consett United Temperance Association was held in the Co-operative Hall, and was of great attendance. The choir taken by Comd. G. D. Powell, who referred to the fact that this was the last meeting for this

He said that although the temperance party were defeated at the last election they had not lost heart. They knew that their cause was just and that every temperance reformer knew this too. They knew that the liquor traffic was doing great harm in the world than any other one thing. The speaker in the course of his remarks referred to the late war between China and Japan, the Armenian atrocities, etc., and contrasted them with the favourable conditions of comparative ease and comfort in which we live in this favoured land of ours, where Christianity prevails; yet he deplored the fact that where England had sent missionaries more cases this country had also sent the neutra-

to this country of King Khama to seek protection against this threatening evil to his country, and if we would rally ourselves and take up arms to fight against this evil, we could prevent it from spreading. Musical contributions were rendered in excellent style by several ladies and gentlemen.

Mr. T. Durant gave a short address, in which he expressed his opinion that in spite of our present unfavorable conditions of life and its adaptation to our present principles we were moving too slowly, and also referred to the fact advanced by the Chairman, and in regard to the South African people and their attitude towards the natives.

phased and supported the remarks of the Chinese
on the subject of the recent visit of King
ama and prohibition in regard to both countries.
Surtees ably presided at the piano. The meet-
ing concluded with the doxology.

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