his leave, also contributing £150 towards the Special Appeal Fund, and appearing much interested in the details of the foundation and endowment. Several of the Sisters were presented to him during his progress through the wards, where he showed a good deal of interest in the cases, and examined the plaster of Paris bandages, &c.

It would be interesting to know what sort of comparisons were drawn by Nasrulla and his Afghan companions, to whom he talked volubly throughout his visit, between this English hospital and that in Cabul, in which it will be remembered the Ameer takes much interest, partly no doubt through the influence of the English medical officers attached to his suite, Miss Hamilton and Dr. Leahy. Several visits have been paid by the latter, accompanied by an Afghan doctor, to St. Thomas's Hospital, and they were present on one occasion at an ovarian operation by Mr. Makins. Stimulated by his inspection of an English hospital, it may be that the Shahzada will follow his father's example and keenly interest himself on his return home in that in his native city of Cabul.

EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

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

THE THROAT HOSPITAL, GOLDEN SQUARE.

DR. WOLFENDEN writes: With reference to your annotation anent the affairs of the Throat Hospital, Golden Square, and the statement therein made that it is the duty of the committee, or of the three gentlemen who have made the announcement of their resignations with such a grand flourish of trumpets, to justify themselves to the public, I take the opportunity of saying, as one of the recently-elected members of committee of the above hospital, that if the subscribers to the institution desire any inquiry into the circumstances which led to the resignations in question, I, for one, shall be only too glad to assist such an investigation. The present committee has nothing to fear from such a course. The gentlemen who were elected to the committee in May last, of whom I was one, have accepted the position with the fullest intention of discharging their duty to the public, of preventing the hospital from again being made an area for the furtherance of private interests, and of bringing the government of the institution into line with that of older and esteemed public charities. The violence with which our elections have been assailed by a small section of individuals is explicable easily enough. It is, however, not for the committee to justify themselves, but for the three gentlemen in question, if their resignations are regarded by the subscribers as of sufficient public importance. The only one appearing to be so is that of the Duke of Sutherland, and the first question which should be answered in this instance, is how, after having given an undertaking that if he resigned he would not, in the interests of the institution, make it a matter of public notoriety, his Grace allowed himself to be a party to the issue of a manifesto of the most public character within a day or two after the acceptance of his resignation by the committee. The retirement of the late chairman was explicable by the fact that an old member of the committee, whom he opposed for the position, was unanimously elected. The third resignation appears to have been an entirely personal matter of no importance. The present committee is quite in accord, and quite alive to the necessity of so altering the rules and constitution of the hospital that it can never again become the area for the advancement of private aims, and this will be the first work of the new committee. I write this at a distance, a copy of your paper having been forwarded to me here only yesterday.

SCRAPS AND GLEANINGS.

THE opening of the new infirmary at Southport will not take place until September 27th.

THE Assistance Publique has received a bequest of £72,000 from M. Rouhaud, a late member of the Conseil de Surveillance.

MR. PASSMORE EDWARDS has offered to erect a building, if a site is provided, for a free library in the parish of St. George's, Southwark.

THE progress which Science has made in the Bordeaux hospitals was enthusiastically commented on at the recent Gynecological Congress held in that city.

IN thirty-three of the largest English towns the births registered during the week ending August 10th numbered 5,816, whilst 4,225 deaths were recorded in the same period.

THE thirty persons recently poisoned by potted meat at Wakefield are, fortunately, all likely to recover. The unsold portion of the supply was seized by the police for analysis.

SERIOUS damage to museum specimens, diagrams, and microscopic preparations has resulted from fire in one of the buildings of the Edinburgh Extra Mural School of Medicine.

MR. ROSE had a number of cases before him at the West London Police Court the other day, in which summonses had been issued against parents for failing to have their children vaccinated.

THE census of metropolitan paupers, taken during the last week in July, showed that 98,354 persons were in receipt of relief; in the corresponding week of last year the return gave 98,764 paupers.

THE Local Government Board has refused to sanction the scheme by which certain members of the Poplar Board of Guardians proposed to establish at Dunton, Essex, a farm colony for the unemployed.

DURING the military manoeuvres in the New Forest, the great heat which prevailed on the day of the march past caused so many men to drop out of the ranks that the ambulance wagons were quite filled.

A PATIENT admitted to Bethnal Green Infirmary suffering from delirium tremens is stated to have committed suicide in the padded room by hanging himself with a sheet which he had torn up and used as a cord.

THE museum and library at the Sanitary Institute will be opened free during the months of September, October, and November to students attending the course of lectures for sanitary officers commencing on September 3rd.

OVER £130 was taken last week as the outcome of the bazaar held aboard the hospital ship *Albert*, off Lowestoft. For five years now this "floating bazaar" has been held here on the healing craft belonging to the Missions to Deep Sea Fishermen.

THE Port Medical Officer had a curious case to deal with the other day at Greenwich, for the decomposed body of a large whale was washed ashore there. No owner being found, it was towed down the river, and treated "as a nuisance dangerous to health."

THE overturning of an omnibus between Bottingdean and Brighton the other day resulted in 19 persons being conveyed to the County Hospital. Two were detained as in-patients, one, the driver of the vehicle, with a fractured ankle and other injuries.

IN the month of July the water analysts reported to the water examiner of the Metropolis that out of 189 specimens taken from the London water companies one was slightly turbid, one clean but dull, and all the remainder clear, bright, and well filtered.

A BAZAAR on a large scale was inaugurated the end of August at Felixstowe, promoted in aid of the funds of the Suffolk Convalescent Home. This charity, it must be observed, is not a purely local one, as subscribers living in any part of England are entitled to send patients to it.

A SOMEWHAT lively scene appears to have taken place in Mile End Road the other day, when, it is reported, a hairdresser objected to the removal of his child, who was suffering from small-pox. The ambulance is said to have made several fruitless journeys to the house, and the matter was eventually referred to the medical officers of health.

A "MEDICINE Time Indicator," patented by J. Feaver, 83, Croydon Road, Anerley, S.E., appears likely to be useful in home nursing. It consists of a label or tablet on which numbers are printed, and a moveable pointer arranged in connection with it. This pointer can be placed opposite to the figure which indicates when the next dose of medicine is due.

ANOTHER Local Government Board inquiry has been opened at Hounslow into the scheme proposed by the Corporation of Richmond and the District Council of Heston and Isleworth for the establishment of a joint isolation hospital at Mogden, in Isleworth. The new site is opposed by the Twickenham District Council and an adjoining landowner.

A SUM of £3,300 has been realised on property left to the Middlesex Hospital under the will of the Rev. T. Nicoll. Several legacies have recently been received, and the list of donations to the institution includes a further £200 from the trustees of Mr. Smith's Kensington Charity, and one from "M. S. F." for the New Wing Fund, and several sums from "grateful patients."

SOME interesting facts with regard to the closure of schools during epidemics have been given by Dr. Thursfield, M.O.H. Salop. The pecuniary loss to the schoolmaster which the postponement of an examination entails appears to lead to the schools being either kept open or opened specially for the day of the inspector's visit, when the prevalence of infectious disease renders the assemblage of the children most undesirable.

THE presence of unqualified practitioners and the absence of water are amongst the trials of the East enders. To these may be added the prescriptions of unqualified chemists according to the evidence at a recent inquest. There would be something comic in doses of tea-leaves were it not for the fact that cheap "doctors" and cheaper "physic" are created by the demands of the poor and destitute in that outlying district.