

held last month in St. James' Palace, under the chairmanship of the Duke of Teck. The object of the fund is the attainment of uniformity in benevolent activity and the checking of waste and overlapping in the administration of hospital charity. The amount on hand for distribution was announced as £155,000, over half a million dollars, a sum exceeding by £5,000 the largest amount ever previously available.

Commenting upon the object of this fund a contemporary remarks that it is perhaps admissible, after all, to utter a word of caution lest the desire to organize and to control should be carried to an undue extreme. A hospital is, or should be, a living structure, with some definite individuality of its own; and it might well happen that an absolute uniformity of administration might only be attainable by the sacrifice of characteristics which it might be well to preserve. A great London hospital is not a hospital merely; it is St. George's, or Guy's, or St. Bartholomew's, and as such has characteristics which have endeared it to many generations of supporters, and which wise administration would spare no pains to preserve. It seems that some of the incidents of the working of this fund have occasionally tended to strain the loyalty towards it of the institutions which it was established to strengthen and to support.

*British Columbia proposes to provide for inspection of logging, railway and other similar camps, sawmills, etc., and other places where labor finds employment, and to deal with the necessity of providing medical attendance for those engaged in such isolated works as advancing railway construction, and with supervision of the construction of camps by the government's inspectors, so as to assure sanitation from the outset of camp establishment. The measure will add this additional work to the duties of the Provincial Board of Health.*

*An Antitoxin Trial:* According to report, some cures of certain forms of tuberculosis and pneumonia have been made during the last month at the Southern Pacific Hospital in San Francisco, where a serum treatment has been applied. This report, how-

ever, is not sufficiently in detail for an intelligent discussion.

There are two kinds of specific treatment which have been recognized in tuberculosis. One is the use of tuberculin, which was intended as a toxin to stimulate the production of protective substances.

The other treatment proceeded upon the principle of the antitoxin treatment for diphtheria, a serum being obtained from immunized animals to combat the disease. The Maragliano serum belongs to the second class, but has not yet demonstrated its efficiency, though it has its defenders as well as its critics.

Apparently the treatment used at the Southern Pacific Hospital belongs to the second class.

*The Rev. John Williams Cavanaugh*, president of the Notre Dame University, of Notre Dame, Ind., tells some amusing stories in his talk on "The Educational Philosophy of an Ironmaster." The Rev. Mr. Cavanaugh relates an incident that happened to some little birds whose mother had deserted them. An elephant came along and happened to see the nest. The birds, being young, were unable to fly and told the elephant of their plight, saying they were hungry. The elephant told them not to worry, that he would look after them. Then clumsily sat down on the nest.

"That," says Rev. Cavanaugh, "is what we will do to the unfortunates if we do not wake up to the realization of the fact and help them to become self made."

He also asserts that a father is inhuman when he tells his son that what was good for the father is good enough for the son, and says that possibilities for great men often are shattered with just such advice. He cites the cases of Harry Thaw and his counsel, Martin W. Littleton. Thaw was raised in the lap of luxury. Every thing he desired was his and he was not allowed to broaden his mind on the greater problems of life and naturally fell into a life of crime. Littleton was raised on a farm. Everything he got he worked for. He did not know the pleasures of life until he was a grown man and his mind developed into one of great activity.