

Scientists. A young lady collecting on the Queen Alexandra Rose Day went into an office where many were employed. She asked one young man for a donation and offered him a pink rose. He said that his donation would do no more good to the children than the rose would to him, as there was no such thing as sickness, it being only a delusion. Such teaching would drive charity from the land. When the Christain Scientist becomes good and sick, and they do at times, they have to go to hospitals built by other people.

THE FASTING CURE OF DIABETES.

Recent works on this subject by Kellogg, of Battle Creek, and Stern, of New York, award the chief credit for this innovation to Guelpa, of Paris, which may be just, so far as the calendar goes. But the work of Allen, of the Rockefeller Institute, though published a year or so after Guelpa's clinical reports, has a sure scientific foundation, including results of animal experiment, hence it evens matters up when Professor Sabrazès, the distinguished clinician of Bordeaux (*Gazette hebdomadaire des sciences médicales de Bordeaux*, August 12), appears to give the American full credit for the scientific—as contrasted with the empirical—*raison d'être* of the fasting management of diabetes. We have never understood why anyone should begrudge to Allen the credit to which he is abundantly entitled in this connection, nor can we understand how Stern, in his recent work, can ignore Allen so completely that—if we do not err—the latter is not even granted the courtesy of a passing reference. Kellogg gives some space to Allen's work, yet since he began the fasting treatment as soon as he had learned of Guelpa's experience, he may perhaps be excused for not expatiating on the former. On the other hand, the work of Joslin, of Harvard, is more or less confused with that of Allen. The former appears to have evolved a near-fasting treatment before 1908, and he was the first, or one of the first, to give Allen's work a fair test in practice, so that to-day the Joslin and Allen methods agree very closely. The name of Naunyn is often seen in connection with the evolution of the fasting treatment of diabetes, and it is to be hoped that the question of priority in this regard will eventually be permanently settled to the credit of all just claimants. The same problem seems inevitable whenever a really epoch-making discovery is made in any branch of applied science.—*Medical Record*.

The General Ministerial Association, which met recently in Toronto, after hearing a statement by Capt. J. W. Magwood re the prevalence of venereal diseases among soldiers, unanimously adopted a resolution in favor of placing these diseases under the same regulations as govern other infectious diseases.