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AFTER CARE ASSOCIATION FOR POOR AND FRIENDLESS FEMALE CONVALESCENTS ON LEAVING ASYLUMS FOR THE INSANE.—The annual meeting will take place at 83, Lancaster Gate, W., on July 4th, at 3 p.m. The Earl of Meath will preside. Cards of invitation can be obtained of the secretary, Mr. H. T. Roxby, Emblewood, Osbaldeston Road, London, N.

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At the last meeting of the constituents of the Hospital Sunday Fund attention was called to the contrast between the receipts from South London and the awards to hospitals and dispensaries in that district; and the Council were invited to determine what changes, if any, were desirable in the administration of the fund. After consideration the Council have determined that it is not desirable to make any change in the present laws or constitution.

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On May 31st Mrs. Rasch opened the Victoria Hospital, Southend, which has been erected as a memorial of Her Majesty's Jubilee.

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The quarterly general Court of Governors was held on Thursday last at the board-room of the Middlesex Hospital. The chair was taken by Major Ross, M.P., and among those present were—Miss Thorold, Dr. Finlay, Messrs. Morse, W. F. Larkins, Thurlow, Rawlins, Griffiths, Burrowes, Green, and Lieut.-Col. Holloway. In the course of his address the chairman said that the fees paid by the lady probationers were set aside as a fund from which nurses could receive pensions after their term of service, and help could be given to those of the nursing staff who were disabled but had not served long enough to earn a pension. The minutes of the ordinary meetings for the quarter were confirmed, and the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to Major Ross.

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THE MARY WARDELL SCARLET FEVER CONVALESCENT HOME.—On July 1st Miss Mary Wardell will have completed *nine* years of unintermitted work in order to establish and carry on this first home for convalescents from any infectious disorder. Three hundred and six patients were admitted to the home during the year 1887, as follows:—

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| Children 1 year old and under | ... | ... | 1 |
| " 7 years old and under | ... | ... | 85 |
| " 12 years old and under | ... | ... | 111 |
| Adults 20 years old and under | ... | ... | 48 |
| " above 20 years old | ... | ... | 61 |

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Of these 199 were treated previously at their own residences, 79 at the London Fever Hospital, 10 at the Metropolitan Asylums' Board Hospitals, 18 at

other hospitals. The classes to which they belonged were: 47 children of professional men, private gentlemen, merchants, &c.; 25 of clerks, schoolmasters, &c.; 54 of tradesmen; 14 of gentlemen's servants; 9 of soldiers, firemen, and railway servants; 47 of mechanics, shopmen, labourers, needlewomen, charwomen, &c.; 48 children from homes, orphanages, and charitable institutions; 8 trained nurses; 15 female servants, dressmakers, and needlewomen; 20 other adult patients; 9 nurses or relatives who had been in attendance on patients during their illness.

Subscriptions and donations will be received by the bankers to the home, Messrs. Barclay, Bevan and Co., 54, Lombard Street, E.C.; Messrs. Ransom, Bouverie, & Co., 1, Pall Mall East, S.W.; and by Miss Mary Wardell, 55, Stanley Gardens, Belsize, S.W., from whom further information may be obtained.

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The National Health Society's fifteenth annual report gives evidence of considerable and commendable energy on the part of those associated with it, by making increased headway in London and the provinces during the past twelve months. The offices are at 41, Berners Street, W.

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The report of the Homes for Inebriates Association, together with the fourth annual report of the Dalrymple Home at Rickmansworth, for 1887-8, shows a vast amount of useful work satisfactorily accomplished.

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The Gravesend Hospital's thirty-eighth annual report states that there has been an increase in the number of in-patients during the year, but a slight decrease in the number of out-patients. The numbers are as follows:—

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| Patients in the hospital on 1st April, 1887 | ... | 22 |
| Admitted during the year | ... | 313 |

Total number under treatment ... 335

Of these 210 have been cured, 76 have been relieved, 4 have been discharged, 16 have died, and 29 remained under treatment at the end of the year. Of the 3,458 out-patients 986 have been cured, 802 have been relieved, 5 have died, 234 have been discharged, 948 casualties have received medical and surgical relief, 237 have been dental cases, 246 remained under treatment at the end of the year. Receipts, £2,028 16s. 9d.; expenditure, £2,075 10s. 2d.

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