

£413 4s. 1d. for drainage, and £106 18s. 4d. for new teak flooring, partially, if not wholly, accounts for the adverse balance in the jubilee (fiftieth) report of the Royal Berkshire Hospital, with its twelve dozen beds, and its list of 1,151 in-patients. With all deference we maintain that a Hospital of this importance should always leave itself with one thousand pounds in hand to meet emergencies, if it wishes to successfully continue its good work. The Private Nurses' Department and the Pension Fund prosper as they ought to do.

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"ANNUAL subscriptions urgently needed. The ordinary expenditure last year exceeded the reliable income, from investments and subscriptions, by £1,139 8s. 11d." This is the wail from the annual report of the Essex and Colchester Hospital. The sooner the Committee get out of their financial difficulty, the better. An Institution has no more, if as much, right than an ordinary individual to get into debt and live beyond its means; better do less and be on the right side, than a large work and cripple the usefulness of an excellent charity of this kind.

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THE South London District Nursing Association attended 646 patients, paying them 16,500 visits (about twenty-five visits per patient), and winds up the last year by putting on an extra Nurse, and leaving in the money box £69 2s. 11d. Mr. W. H. Dickinson, the Hon. Sec., has handled this Society and its finances in a very praiseworthy manner.

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DINGWALL has begun a District Nursing Association for the benefit of the poorer classes, under the management of Lady Mackenzie of Gairloch. The vice-president is Lady Munro of Fowlis, Dingwall. An institution of this kind is much needed in the district, and those for whom it is intended cannot help but feel grateful to the energetic Lady Mackenzie.

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HUDDERSFIELD Infirmary is subject to curious windfalls, which we daresay the Governors wish could be indefinitely multiplied. A parcel wrapped in a piece of dress material was recently discovered by the porter, and, on being opened, it was found to contain two hundred and twenty-five sovereigns. This is the second time a gift has been presented to the institution in this strange manner, a sum of £284 having been similarly left at the Infirmary a few years ago.

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THE Warrington Infirmary and Dispensary shows a considerable increase in its work, judging from its annual report just issued; nevertheless, it has managed to have a balance on the right side of £133 10s. 7d. It has our highest commendations.

A SECOND course of lectures on Domestic Hygiene for Ladies has been arranged by the Sanitary Institute. The subjects of Child Culture, Food, Cleanliness and Light will be dealt with in a course of six lectures. These are to be followed by an examination, a certificate being granted by the Institute to those who successfully pass. The course commences on March 26, and continues on Tuesday and Friday afternoons at three p.m., at the Museum of the Institute, 74A, Margaret Street, W.

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WE were in error in our issue of February 28th, when we stated, respecting the East London Nursing Society, that "We are glad to find also that the Nurses themselves are not forgotten, for they have an annuity fund provided, and from which those invalided receive fourteen shillings to seventeen shillings per week." It *should* read, "The Nurses' wages are fourteen and (after three years' service) seventeen shillings per week, and that a fund is now being raised to provide annuities." We gladly correct the mistake, which was not one of our own making, the information having been supplied to us through a press agency.

WOMEN AND THEIR WORK.

THE Queen of Sweden recently invited several ladies to the castle at Christiana, in order to discuss with them the question of erecting a seaside Hospital for children suffering from tubercular complaints.

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PRINCESS CHRISTIAN, President of the Royal School of Art Needlework, South Kensington, has appointed the 4th, 5th and 6th of June for the annual summer sale, which will be opened and presided over by Her Royal Highness. This school is situated in the Exhibition Road, South Kensington. The show-rooms are open free of charge from five a.m. to ten p.m.; there a large stock of useful and ornamental articles, embroidered by members of the school, are always on view. Terms for lessons in all branches of embroidery can be obtained from the Secretary.

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