

nection with it Dr. Annie McColl carries on a School of Midwifery for lady medical students and others. In the Hospital, Monthly Nurses are trained. From the report of Miss Madgshon, M.B., Lond., the present House Surgeon, it appears that during the year one hundred and forty-nine in-patients have been received. Among these a considerable number were cases requiring operations. All made good recoveries.

In the out-patient department of the work, three hundred women have been attended in their own homes, and one death from septic pneumonia is recorded, making the first maternal death from puerperal causes among the total number of cases (2,200) attended in seven years. This fact, without comment, is enough to prove the thoroughness of the care with which antiseptic precautions are carried out.

The Secretary's report is no less satisfactory. The Hospital is without debt, though only showing a balance of £8. The small payments of patients, the fees of the special medical students and of the Nurses, contribute more than two-thirds of the expenses of the Institution, and the other third is made up by subscriptions and donations, the subscriptions, however, only amounting to £132.

The Committee appeal urgently for an increase

of subscriptions, that they may be able not only to give a greater number of free tickets, but chiefly that they may increase the Nursing Staff, so as to maintain the efficiency of the training in monthly nursing.

At present the work falls very heavily on the Matron, who has, in addition to her other duties, the practical teaching of four sets of pupil Nurses in the year.

The Nurses are allowed to attend the lectures given to the Midwifery students by the medical women in charge of the School and Hospital, and are examined by them before getting a certificate. It is to be hoped that they will not appeal in vain, for the opportunities of learning thoroughly, and in the best style, are so good at the Clapham Maternity, that it is very desirable they should be utilised and the standard of work maintained. The patients received into the Hospital are of various classes, many married women, and some unmarried girls of the comparatively respectable class who have fallen for the first time, the Committee co-operating with Rescue Homes of various religious denominations in helping the latter. Any afternoon the Matron is glad to show visitors over the Hospital, and no one paying it a visit can fail to be interested in what they will see there.

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