

shown to them by Miss BUSBY, when the Royal British Nurses' Association, held its second annual meeting at Birmingham, to the success of which Miss BUSBY in no small degree contributed. She will carry with her to her new field of work the best wishes of many friends and present and former colleagues.

I HEAR that Miss MARGARET CAMERON has been elected Matron of the Princess Alice Memorial Hospital at Eastbourne. I am told that Miss CAMERON was trained at the Westminster Hospital, and held the post of Assistant Matron at that institution.

I AM informed, on the best authority, that the statement made in various journals that H.R.H. the DUCHESS OF FIFE proposed to visit the Children's Hospital at Aberdeen in the autumn, is incorrect, and I am asked to contradict the statement. I have much pleasure, therefore, in calling the attention of our contemporaries to the error.

THE fifteenth Annual Report of this excellent Charity has just reached me. It is pleasant reading in many ways. Reference is made to the health, and due credit given to the work, of the Nurses, and of their much-esteemed Hon. Lady Superintendent, Miss K. M. LUMSDEN. The number of patients has increased from 484 in 1890 to 555 last year, a sufficient proof of the continued usefulness and popularity of the Hospital, while the debt on the Institution has been reduced from £1,670 to £716. I commend especially the balance-sheet—which is audited—and which shows the whole assets (amounting to nearly £13,000), and liabilities of the Hospital, to the imitation of King's College Hospital and other London Institutions. Two Convalescent Homes are maintained for the benefit of the little patients, and the whole work last year only cost £2,000, of which no less than half was received in annual subscriptions, a fact which speaks volumes for the energy and interest shown by the managers, and taken by the public, in one of the very best Scottish Hospitals.

I AM glad to see that the question of religious intolerance, which raged, last year, at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, has apparently done no

harm to its finances or its general success. The number of in-patients in 1891 was 1,460, as against 1,323 in the previous year. The out-patients also showed an increase of 720, facts which quite sufficiently testify to the increasing usefulness of the Charity. The following remarks made in the Report concerning the Nursing Department will be of interest to all my readers, not only as showing the fact that Hospital Committees are becoming aware of the necessity of devoting attention to the condition of their Nursing Staff, but also of the increasing tendency to appoint Nursing Committees to control this department:—

“Under the scheme adopted by the General Board of Governors at the last Annual General Meeting, bonuses have been placed in the Nurses' Fund (formerly called Superannuation Fund) to the credit of such Nurses as have served the Hospital for six years, or, having served for three years, are willing to complete six years' service. The Nursing Committee, appointed by the last Annual General Board of Governors, held several meetings and made certain recommendations for the improvement of the Nursing service of the Hospital, which, after adoption by the Board of Management, have been carried into effect, and have already proved of considerable advantage to the Institution.”

I would also commend the excellently clear manner in which the accounts of this Hospital are set forth, especially the detailed account of disbursements, and the schedule of stocks, shares, and other property of the Hospital, for imitation by the authorities of King's College Hospital.

A HIGHLY - PROMISING bazaar, which lasted for three days, was opened by the DUCHESS OF PORTLAND at the Hampstead Conservatoire in aid of the Ladies' Association Building Fund of the Great Northern Hospital. Her Grace was received by Mr. MURDOCH, M.P., Chairman of the Hospital, and the members of the Bazaar Committee, and accepted a beautiful bouquet presented by Miss GWEN MURDOCH. Sir FRANCIS DE WINTON made a financial statement, from which it appears that the new buildings will cost from £25,000 to £30,000, and of this sum £8,000 is in hand. The Ladies' Association had previously raised £5,000 to build the out-patients' department, and is now seeking a similar sum to establish a Women's Ward in the new wing, to be called the Clarence Ward, after the first President of the Hospital. Towards this amount an anonymous donor has promised £500 conditional on nine other like sums being forthcoming. A brief and interesting inaugural service having been performed, the DUCHESS OF PORTLAND formally

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