

of cases admitted to the Fever Hospitals, under the control of the Board, was only 2,720. Owing to compulsory notification, beginning in 1890, the number increased enormously, reaching in 1893 the very large total of 18,674. In the last five years energetic steps have been taken, and it is hoped when the new Hospitals now in course of erection are completed, that there will be ample and proper accommodation, not only to meet average demands on beds, but to provide for epidemics and contingencies.

The St. Luke's Hostel for the Clergy, at 16, Nottingham Place, W., receives three classes of patients: Class A, absolutely free; Class B, those who pay towards their board, but receive free medical and surgical attendance; Class C, those who pay both for board and attendance.

It is a pity the people of Egypt have not yet had introduced to them the popular Health Lecturer. And it is a pity, too, that they do not yet realise that sanitation and prosperity go together. The winter season in Egypt is a great boon to the country, but with cholera as a visitor, and typhoid endemic, it is to be supposed if matters are not soon righted, that invalids and health-seekers will find a fresh resort. The population—superstitious and ignorant to a degree—does all in its power to hide the existence of cholera, and go so far as to hide, cases in the cotton fields, in the hope that they may escape detection by the sanitary authorities.

M. Haffkine's Lecture on Anti-Cholera Inoculation, which took place on Wednesday afternoon last at the Laboratories of the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons, was full of interest. M. Haffkine has inoculated 42,179 persons, and the results, as shown by him, appear to point to a reduced mortality among those who contracted the disease after inoculation.

At a Comitia of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, on December 3rd, Dr. Batty Tukey was elected President, Dr. A. R. Simpson Vice-President, and the following members of Council: the President, the Vice-President, and Drs. Wyllie, Affleck, Sibbald, Gibson, and Berry Hart. At a second Comitia on December 10th, the remaining office bearers were elected as follows: Dr. P. A. Young, treasurer; Dr. R. W. Philip, secretary; Dr. George W. Balfour, librarian; Dr. John Sibbald, curator of museum; Dr. J. Batty Tukey, curator of research laboratory.

At a special meeting of the Governors of the Chelsea Hospital for Women held on Wednesday afternoon, "to consider the propriety of dispensing with the services of a member of the honorary medical staff," a resolution, relieving Mr. O'Callaghan, surgeon to the out-patients, of his duties, was carried after discussion by 106 votes against 17 recorded in favour of referring the matter to arbitration.

On Wednesday the annual general meeting of the clerical and lay representatives of the various London congregations, being the constituents of the Hospital Sunday Fund, was held at the Mansion House. The Lord Mayor presided, and among those present were the Greek Archimandrite, Archdeacon Sinclair, the Chief Rabbi, Sir George Bruce, the Rev. Dr. Rigg, the Rev. Dr. Kennedy, the Rev. Dr. Jenkins, Mr. Martin, M.P., Dr. Glover, Dr. Hare, Mr. J. A. Bloxam, and Mr. H. N. Custance.

On the motion of Sir George Bruce, the council were re-elected, the Rev. Canon Graham, the Rev. D. Anderson, the Rev. M. R. Neligan, the Rev. H. R. Wakefield, the Earl of Stamford, Sir Joseph Renals, Mr. Alderman Faudel Phillips, and Mr. J. Astley Bloxham being chosen to fill vacancies. At the instance of the Rev. Dr. Barlow, vicar of Islington, the 14th of June was fixed for Hospital Sunday next year, and the cordial co-operation of all ministers of religion within the metropolitan area was again invited.

Our Christmas Appeals.

WE have the pleasure of announcing that we have this week received from Her Royal Highness Princess Christian, the President of the Home of Rest for Nurses, at Brighton, her most generous annual subscription of £5.

As Christmas-time approaches there seems always to be an epidemic of generosity. We open our purse and heart-strings not only to friends but to the strangers within and without our gates. Relying on this it has become the custom for Homes and Institutions to appeal at the festive season for contributions both in kind and money.

First and foremost in the RECORD we naturally place the Home of Rest for Nurses at Brighton. The Home has now been in existence for five years, and during that time has proved a popular restful holiday haunt for more than 1,000 Nurses. The house, as so many of our readers know, is a beautiful one in Sussex Square, and is most daintily furnished and set forth for the comfort of those it was founded to help. It will be remembered that it was owing to the generosity of Mrs. Lionel Lucas that the Home came within the range of practical possibilities. She very kindly provided the money for the purchase of the house, and has increased the debt of obligation owed to her by the Nurses who have benefited by the Home by generously refusing during these five years to accept any rent. The gain to the Home through this great liberality is fully £100 a year. We have just paid a visit to the Home to inspect "wear and tear" and calculate how much the necessary spring repairs will cost. It seems so hard that paint and furniture and linen should have such an unfortunate tendency to wear out, and show the ravages of time in so unmistakable a manner! But so it is, and it will cost fully £100 to "set our house in order" in the coming spring, and we appeal to our readers and those Nurses who have enjoyed the benefits of Brighton breezes to help the Hon. Sec., Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, to collect this sum. She will very gladly receive the smallest contributions at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W.

On an average 250 Nurses visit the Home each year, and those who are most interested in the finances of the Home, and who have borne the heat and burden of collecting funds and keeping the Home free from debt, have often reflected that if each of these Nurses would influence a friend to give 10s. or a guinea, a great deal of responsibility would be lightened and much anxiety relieved. Mrs. McIntyre, the Matron, has done much by her kindness to make the Home a real boon to Nurses, and her many friends are glad that her health has so much improved since she has been at the Home of Rest; although it is not a "rest" to her, in the sense that she is always busy with kind actions and kind thought for the Nurses under her care. We ask our readers to do what they can to help on this Home of Rest, whose value and usefulness increase from year to year.

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