

as they are called, being chosen by the medical men in England and Wales, one by those in Scotland, and one by those in Ireland. The matter is referred to, at length, in another column, and, therefore, we would only say here that this time a greater interest has been evinced in the election than on either of the previous occasions. Practically, four candidates out of the ten who were before the electors, stood alone and independently. The Incorporated Medical Practitioners' Association supported three, namely, Dr. Rentoul, of Liverpool; Mr. George Brown, of London; and Mr. George Jackson, of Plymouth. The Medical Defence Union, another important medical body, gave its support to Dr. Glover, who has been a Direct Representative for ten years—and who, upon the last occasion was returned at the head of the poll;—Dr. Woodcock, of Manchester; and Dr. Drage, of Hatfield. It is an interesting proof of the impossibility of any one successfully fighting against a combination, that the four independent candidates were at the bottom of the poll. The exact figures of this election were as follows; with which it will be interesting to compare the official figures of the last election in 1891:—

Candidate.	Votes in 1896.	Votes in 1891.
Rentoul ...	6,646	—
Brown ...	5,369	5,065
Glover ...	4,910	8,374
Jackson ...	4,082	—
Drage ...	3,974	—
Woodcock ...	3,390	—
Rivington ...	2,752	—
Alderson ...	1,862	4816
Dolan ...	1,355	—
Diver ...	143	—

BLEEDING.

AN important case of recovery from apparent death, due to chloroform, has been reported, which well deserves the attention of every operator, and will be most interesting to all surgical Nurses. A boy of 17, to whom chloroform was administered for the removal of diseased glands in the neck, appeared to die suddenly. The heart's action ceased and respiration failed; all the ordinary methods of resuscitation were tried in vain, and, as a last resource, the internal jugular vein was opened. Several ounces of blood escaped, and in half a minute a faint inspiration was made by the patient, and the heart's action returned; the operation was concluded and the patient recovered.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE Evelina Hospital for Sick Children has been entirely redecorated and refurnished, and is looking its brightest and best for Christmas.

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On Saturday, December 19th, Mr. Bancroft will give his Christmas Carol reading in aid of the Surrey Convalescent Home.

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A special Christmas Appeal has been issued by the committee of the University College Hospital, who are anxious to receive subscriptions in order to avert the closing of fifty beds in March next, which they fear will be necessary unless generous donations be forthcoming.

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Feeling is running very high in Manchester, on the important question of the rebuilding of the Royal Infirmary. A crowded meeting of trustees was held on Monday, to consider the question. The meeting had before it a report recommending the re-building of the Infirmary to a greatly-increased height, while absorbing a portion of the open space round it. The chair was taken by the Earl of Derby as president of the Institution. He said that, while in the chair, he would refrain from expressing his opinion, but he urged those present to remember that they were in a fiduciary position. A resolution in favour of the recommendations in the report was moved by Sir Frank Forbes Adam, seconded by Mr. B. Armitage. An amendment declaring it undesirable to extend the ground area of the building was moved by the Lord Mayor and seconded by Sir John Harwood. A long debate ensued, and when a vote was taken the division proved so nearly even that the chairman did not declare the result, and the meeting adjourned for a poll of the 1,300 trustees. The proceedings ended with a vote of thanks to Lord Derby.

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A committee consisting of the Right Hon. Sir John T. Hibbert, K.C.B., Mr. T. W. Russell, M.P., Sir Francis Mowatt, K.C.B., and Mr. H. W. Primrose, C.B., has been appointed, by arrangement between the President of the Local Government Board and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to inquire into the sufficiency of the clerical staff and secretariat of the Local Government Board, having regard to the duties devolving on the Board, and into the existing divisions of the work, the salaries of the officers, and the organisation of the department generally, and to recommend what changes should be made in the existing arrangements.

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We hope that one outcome of the recommendations of the Committee will be that a Trained Nurse will be appointed on to the Board, who would sit with the Inspectors on all Committees of Inquiry into Infirmary Nursing disputes. At present the Matron of these Institutions is always at a great disadvantage at an enquiry, as no expert in the Nursing Department sits in judgment.

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