

The Secretary of the Chichester Infirmary draws attention to the necessity of further support for that excellent institution, and is of opinion that in honour of the Diamond Jubilee, donations to the Hospital might be made. The Infirmary at Chichester has been at work for 70 years (being two years senior to the Sussex County Hospital), relieving the sick and injured from this part of Sussex, and the interior is showing signs of wear and tear. Much must be done in the way of renovation, and much needs to be done to remedy the hygienic defects of a building erected so long ago.

At the annual general meeting of the Governors of the Royal Hospital for Sick Children at Brighton, it was announced that there was a deficit of £409 12s. 8d. This was largely due to expenditure which had had to be incurred, upon cases of diphtheria occurring in the hospital, in improving the drainage, under the advice of Dr. Newsholme, medical officer of health. It is to be hoped that in this year of Jubilee the rich Brightonians, whose personal expenditure is apparently of the most lavish description, will contribute this small sum and wipe off the debt.

A somewhat amusing story is going the rounds to the effect that during the removal of the floors necessary for the inspection of the sanitary arrangements each plank was carefully cleansed and fumigated, the workmen having been informed that probably the diphtheritic germs lurked between the boards. In a state of great excitement one of the workmen interviewed the matron, informing her that he had "cotched that there worrum that had been the cause of all the trouble," and, upon inquiry, proceeded to cautiously open a little tin tobacco-box, in which was comfortably curled a harmless somnolent wood louse. After all, the slight mistake of *worm* for *germ* must be forgiven this excellent mechanic in consideration of his original taste for scientific research.

The foundation stone of a new home for the nurses of the Worcester General Infirmary was recently laid by the Countess of Coventry. The Home, which will face eastward, will contain thirty-two bedrooms, many of which will be sufficiently large to accommodate two nurses. There are to be three storeys. The ground floor will comprise a hall, two sitting rooms, three sisters' rooms and four probationers' rooms. On the first floor there will be three sisters' rooms and eight probationers' rooms, and the floor above is similarly arranged. There will be bath-rooms and lavatories on each floor, and provision is to be made for box and boot rooms, a hall, and boiler house. A covered way will connect the Home and the Infirmary. We note that "it is hoped . . . that the home will in time become a source of profit." How this end is to be attained is not explained—we hope not by the reprehensible practice of appropriating part of the earnings of nurses employed in private nursing.

The report of the Blackburn and East Lancashire Infirmary shows that 1,106 in-patients, and 4,720 out-patients were treated during the past year. It is gratifying to see that the total receipts show an increase of £488 1s. 11d. on those of any previous year.

## Reports of Meetings.

### THE NEW HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.

At the recent annual meeting of the New Hospital for Women in the Euston Road, a most satisfactory balance-sheet was produced. In pleasant contrast to those hospitals whose managers hold that "no hospital is really prosperous until it has a good big debt," to defray which urgent appeals are made to the British public, the members of the committee of the New Hospital (being for the most part women and honest) manage their hospital on the principle that they have no right to incur expenses which they have no reasonable expectation of being able to meet, and consequently they have no bills of more than a few weeks' standing. A hospital worked upon this system will, we feel sure, commend itself to the public as worthy of the increased support which we hope it will receive.

The chair was occupied at the meeting by Mrs. Creighton, the President of the National Union of Women Workers, who is well known as a warm supporter of women's work of all kinds, and it is a matter for congratulation that, so soon after her coming to London, the New Hospital should have been able to enlist Mrs. Creighton's sympathies on its behalf.

The meeting was addressed by Mrs. Garrett Anderson, the Rev. Luke Paget, Mrs. Scharlieb, and others. Mrs. Scharlieb, in commenting upon the assistance the hospital was likely to receive from the Prince of Wales' Fund, said that this would probably be inappreciable, because the assistance given by it would, she understood, go to defray the debts of other hospitals. In their case honesty was *not* the best policy, At the same time she drew attention to the fact that their present accommodation was quite insufficient, and that cases were kept waiting for admission for weeks, and even months, which required immediate admission if the greatest amount of good was to be done to them.

Mr. Graham said that it was women who had thrown themselves into the task of nursing reform, and women who deserved the credit for bringing it about; therefore, in moving a resolution that women should be appointed on the committee, he felt that it was a way of thanking women generally for their work in this respect.

Dr. Cullingworth, in proposing a vote of thanks to the medical staff, the nursing staff, and the secretary, said that no one could go round the wards without being struck with the admirable manner in which the nursing arrangements were carried out.

A vote of thanks to Mrs. Creighton for presiding concluded the meeting.

Mrs. Creighton, in replying, said that she had always been so keenly interested in the work of medical women that she believed it was "only the unhappy accident of a rather early marriage" which had prevented her from joining the ranks of the medical profession.

After the meeting tea and coffee were served in the Board room, and Miss Cartwright received many compliments upon the quality of the latter beverage, and, indeed, an application for her recipe from a friend of the hospital who was not able to attain to such a high standard of excellence in her own home.

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