

Morten pointed out that so far this had not been the case to any great extent, as £61, out of the £76 subscribed, had come from the attendants themselves. The Rev. C. M. Jenkyns thought that they did not want guineas, as the Chairman had suggested, from Monte Carlo. He thought it was much better that they should work on a co-operative basis and support themselves.

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It is difficult to realize, living in the midst of plenty, the horrors of starvation, and yet, in East Africa, people are actually dying from starvation. The Universities Mission, which works in the country, has opened three houses, and these, Archdeacon Woodward writes, are packed with starving natives, their women and children only just alive, many hardly able to crawl there. Another missionary says, "We have forty starved children in the house. Nurse and I counted twenty-two to-night in one group outside the door, too weak to help themselves. There is simply no food to be got anywhere. Poor nurse! the terrible cases she has to deal with, for the people are in a most shocking state from starvation—frightful sores, feet half eaten away, etc. It is very certain we cannot hold out for long: only two of us here to do all this work."

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We learn from Miss McGahey, Matron of the Prince Alfred Hospital, Camperdown, Sydney, that at the recent examination of nurses in that Institution, thirty-nine candidates presented themselves for examination. All passed with the exception of one probationer and two nurses. The papers sent in reached a high standard, and the examiners expressed themselves highly pleased with the result of the examination. We have copies of the papers before us, and we think that the one set to the first year probationers would puzzle many English probationers of the same standing; the first year candidates are also required to pass an examination in Cookery as well as in Elementary Nursing.

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THE second year nurses are required to prove their knowledge of more advanced Medical and Surgical Nursing, as well as of the Nursing of Sick Children, and of *Materia Medica*; and the third year nurses are set papers in Massage and Electricity, Gynæcological Nursing, Ophthalmic Nursing, and the Nursing of the Nervous and Insane. It will thus be seen that a very thorough course of training is laid down for the nurses at the Prince Alfred Hospital, and on the wise and scientific lines that the general training precedes the special one. Miss McGahey is to be greatly congratulated on the high standard enforced.

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UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL.

THE Annual Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of University College Hospital was a model of what such meetings should be. Under the presidency of Lord Monkswell, it began on Friday, March 24th, at 4 o'clock, and by 4.20 the Agenda had been got through, members of the Committee elected, the statement of accounts, and the report read and adopted, and the meeting dispersed. The members of the Committee elected at the meeting were Mr. Wilfred Baugh Allen, Mr. Joseph Bangs, M.A., Mr. Talfourd Ely, M.A., Mr. Arthur S. Flower, M.A., F.S.A., Captain H. M. Jessel, Mr. Charles Love, Mr. Henry Lucas, Dr. John Ernest Paul, Mr. C. Fellows Pearson, Dr. Walter Rigden, Mr. R. H. Shepard, Mr. R. H. Smith, Q.C., Mr. Richard Worsley, and Mr. Frederick W. Lawrence.

The Report was of unusual interest, some noteworthy points touched upon by it being the continued interest shown in the institution by the Queen, who had forwarded a donation, and the progress made in rebuilding the Hospital, the foundation stone of the Central Block having been laid on June 21st of last year. The site of the Hospital is the Quadrilateral area bounded by Gower Street, Grafton Street, Huntley Street, and University Street. The form of the building is a diagonal cross, a development by the Architect of a suggestion made to him by the Secretary of the Hospital, Mr. Newton H. Nixon. The report also stated that during the course of the summer the present arrangement with the All Saints Sisterhood would cease, and the nursing be carried on under the direct control of the Hospital Committee, under the superintendence of a Matron. The nursing has been under the care of the Sisterhood since 1862, and the Committee desire to record their sense of the great value of the devoted services rendered by the Sisterhood to the Hospital. The Chairman further stated that in connection with the new arrangement the Sister Superior had done everything in her power to facilitate matters, and had given the Committee the great advantage of her valuable advice which had been of the greatest use and assistance.

The Chairman called attention to the fact that the reliable income of the Charity did not exceed £8,000, while the estimated expense would be £30,000 a year. The public seemed to be under the impression that since the Committee had received Sir John Blundell Maple's generous gift for the new building, that the Hospital was in clover, but this was far from being the case, and he appealed to the public to show their gratitude for this gift in a substantial form.

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