

A Census of Persons Engaged in Nursing and Institution Service.

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Unlike the method adopted at previous Censuses, when the Occupations of the people of England and Wales were published in one Volume, and at a late period after the taking of the Census, the authorities have created a new departure this time by publishing the results of the Census, taken just a year ago, in County sections. The first occupational results to appear are those relating to the Administrative County of London, which comprises the City of London, together with the twenty-eight Metropolitan Boroughs constituted under the London Government Act of 1899. The figures given showing the number of persons engaged in Hospital and Institution Service on the night of March the 31st of last year, are as follows:—

Total—Males, 1,965.

Total—Females, 4,619—3,907 unmarried and 712 married or widowed.

Comparing these totals—1,965 and 4,619—with the numbers enumerated at the previous Census in 1891 with the same area—1,607 and 3,366—we find the increases during the decade to have amounted to 358 and 1,253 respectively. The totals at the recent Census are distributed under the following range of ages:—

| | 10 | 14 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 35 | 45 | 55 | 65 | 75 and upwards | |
|-------------|----|----|-----|-------|-------|-----|-----|-----|----|----------------|---------|
| Males | 8 | 15 | 152 | 320 | 569 | 398 | 280 | 164 | 52 | 7 | = 1,965 |
| Females ... | 5 | 27 | 635 | 1,166 | 1,226 | 776 | 495 | 220 | 57 | 12 | = 4,619 |

Turning to the section of the volume assigned to Foreigners and their occupations, we observe the following nations represented within the area under notice, as engaged in Hospital and Institution service:—

| | Males. | Females. | | Males. | Females. |
|-------------------|--------|----------|-------------------|--------|----------|
| Russia | 6 | 6 | France | 6 | 10 |
| Poland-Russian .. | 3 | 1 | Germany | 14 | 18 |
| Sweden | 2 | 10 | Austria | — | 3 |
| Norway | 1 | 2 | Switzerland | 6 | 9 |
| Denmark | — | 1 | Italy | — | 1 |
| Holland | 2 | 5 | America (U.S.) .. | 2 | 2 |
| Belgium | 2 | — | | | |

In conclusion, we notice two persons in Hospital Service described as "blind."

An Appropriate Memorial.

It has been decided to raise a memorial in London to the late Emperor and Empress Frederick which is to take the form of the endowment of a bed for patients suffering from cancer at the New Hospital for Women, Euston Road. An appeal on behalf of funds has been issued by an influential Committee, and about £300 has already been promised.

The Plumbers' Registration Bill.

The Plumbers' Registration Bill has passed the House of Lords, and was down for its second reading in the Commons last week, but was blocked by three notices of rejection in the names of Mr. Caine, Mr. Henry Hobhouse, and Mr. Whittaker. The Bill has been put down for Monday, April 28th, but its prospects are not those which its supporters could desire.

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