

being received again by their friends or in obtaining an honest livelihood.

The treasurer of Guy's Hospital has received a donation of £5,000 from a friend, who sends it as a thank-offering, and in the hope that it may encourage others to help the present hospital appeal.

Appeal is made by the Royal Waterloo Hospital for Children and Women for help to take advantage of an offer for £5,000 conditional upon £15,000 more being raised before the end of the present year.

Friedenheim Hospital, Swiss Cottage, N.W., has received from the trustees of the Zunz fund a donation of £3,000 for the purpose of maintaining a cancer ward of four beds to be named the "Annie Zunz" Ward.

Many of the London Hospitals and Charities benefit considerably by the will of the late Mr. Nathan Salaman, of Gordon Square. Amongst them the London Hospital, which receives £1,000 for the endowment of a Myer Salaman bed, University College Hospital £1,000 for the endowment of a Nathan Salaman bed, Middlesex Hospital, which receives £1,000, and £400 for its cancer ward, St. Peter's Hospital for Stone £600, while the Great Northern Hospital, the North London Hospital for Consumption, the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, the London Fever Hospital, the National Hospital, and the Hospital for Incurables, Clapham, each receive £500.

The Duke of Abercorn has accepted the position of Chairman of the West London Hospital, Hammer-smith, in succession to Lord Glenesk.

The Victoria Hospital for Children, Hull, for the first time in its existence in its present quarters, is able to announce that its income has been sufficient to cover its expenditure. At the recent annual meeting the Committee had the pleasure of announcing a legacy of £5,000 to the funds of the charity.

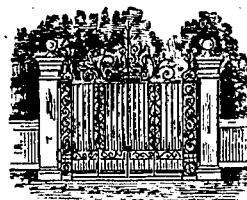
Even medical meetings in Russia do not seem free from espionage on the part of the police. A meeting of the First Aid Ambulance Society at Odessa recently discussed the Government instructions with regard to preventive measures for cholera, when 144 medical practitioners were present. A resolution pledging the faculty to decline its services to Government by 124 votes to 20 was carried. It was subsequently discovered that eight political police agents in disguise were amongst the audience; thereupon they were hustled into an ante-room and badly beaten by the younger doctors.

A telephonic message to the Governor brought Cossacks on the scene. Seven members of the Congress were badly wounded, and two lady medical students outside the hall were ridden down and killed by the Cossacks. And this in "Holy Russia"!

To celebrate the tenth anniversary of the discovery of the Röntgen rays and discuss the progress made in their application for medical and scientific purposes, a congress took place in Berlin this week, under the presidency of Professor von Bergmann. Dr. Röntgen attended the congress.

## Outside the Gates.

### WOMEN.



One of the most interesting and practical bits of philanthropic work we know is carried out by a committee of ladies, who arrange a Sale of Genuine Old Bric-à-Brac, and sell for the direct benefit of poor gentlewomen, such old family possessions as they wish to dispose of for their utmost value without incurring publicity. We all know how very difficult it is for those in reduced circumstances to get good value from the trade for their antiques, and many sacrifices have been made of beautiful old works of art, when a just price was of the utmost importance to the vendor.

Amongst the members of the Committee we note Georgina, Countess of Guilford, the Lady Margaret Campbell, Lady Prescott, Lady Prinsep, Lady Roberts Austen, Mrs. Hume, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and Miss Samuda. The sale will open on Monday, May 15th, and this year will be held at 16, Brook Street, Bond Street, W., in the spacious first-floor rooms, by the kind co-operation of Mr. and Mrs. Le Couteur, and there will be an abundance of lovely old things to be bought. Fine porcelain, Chelsea and Worcester, marked Rockingham, and soft paste Lowestoft, glass, needlework pictures, lace, prints, silver and Sheffield plate, jewellery and bric-à-brac of every description.

The Sale provides an excellent opportunity for procuring just the sort of wedding gifts so greatly appreciated by cultured brides in these days, and is quite a happy hunting ground for collectors. Some charming things have been sent in by nurses and their families, and also by the widows of medical men, so that the sale should have especial interest for some of our readers who have money to spend in helping those less well off than themselves.

The Twenty-first Annual Conference of the Social Democratic Federation, held recently at Northampton, on the motion of Mr. J. Jones, passed unanimously the following resolution:—"That in view of the efforts which are now being made to promote in Parliament a Women's Suffrage Bill, which, if passed, will only partially enfranchise women, will perpetuate all the present franchise anomalies and retain property qualification, and which will especially exclude large masses of working women and all married women from the votes, this conference urges all Social Democrats strenuously to oppose the Bill and to continue to support as strenuously the first plank in the Social Democratic Federation political programme, adult suffrage for both sexes, as the only real socialistic and democratic franchise measure which will be any real service to the workers at large."

The Poet Laureate, unveiling a bust of Elizabeth Barrett Browning at the Camberwell Polytechnic, said "none will pay homage at her shrine and to her genius without being the better for it, and without being ennobled, purified, and humanised by doing so."

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