

growers far exceeds the supply, and good posts are obtainable for students when proficient.

The Council Meeting of the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund have unanimously approved the report of the Committee of Distribution, and have directed the awards recommended to be paid. The sum available this year (£85,652) is a record one, exceeding the largest previous total by £15,000. It includes a gift of £5,000 from the American Red Cross Society, and £2,453 from St. Mark's, North Audley Street, the largest sum ever received from one London church, and £76 collected in pence from St. Andrew's, Lambeth, a very poor parish.

Seven and a half per cent. of the total sum available for distribution is appropriated to the purchase of surgical appliances during the ensuing year, and 2½ per cent. for district nursing associations.

The following are the awards to Nursing Associations:—
Belvedere, Abbey Wood, £9;
Brixton, £36;
Central St. Pancras, £45;
Charlton and Blackheath, £9;
Chelsea and Pimlico, £18;
Hackney, £63;
Hammersmith, £81; Hamp-

stead, £27; Isleworth, £18; Kensington, £81; Kilburn, £9; Kingston, £45; Lambeth Road (Catholic), £18; Metropolitan (Bloomsbury), £63; St. Olave's (Bermondsey), £36; Paddington and Marylebone, £63; Plaistow, £72; Plaistow (Maternity), £72; Ponders End, Enfield, &c., £18; Rotherhithe, £27; Shoreditch, £72; Sick Room Helps Society, £9; Sidcup, £9; Silvertown, £18; South London (Battersea), £54; Southwark, £36; South Wimbledon, £27; Tottenham, £27; Westminster, £36; Woolwich, £63; East London,

£135; North London, £81; Ranyard Nurses, £513.

Our illustration on this page shows a group of Sisters at the Jamsetji Jijibhai Hospital, Bombay, a hospital which owes its foundation to the munificence of Sir Jamsetji Jijibhai, a Parsi gentleman in Bombay.

How many English nurses know anything of the Parsis, a community of Persian origin, their customs, their faith, their family life based on the patriarchal system, the autateness of their men, the beauty of their women?

It was on a journey to the East that the writer first got to know a Parsi family. Were it not for their Oriental dress, their olive-tinted complexions might be taken for those of Spaniards or Italians, but the quaint, stiff, shiny black hats of the men, not unlike a bishop's mitre without the point, and the rich graceful saris of the women, indicate unmistakably their Oriental extraction. A Parsi girl, lovely, graceful, modest, is a thing of beauty, though early middle age probably finds her



Sisters Gregory, Steinhoff, Green and Burke,
Sisters Burton, Klein and King,
Sister Beck

AT THE JAMSETJI JIJIBHAI HOSPITAL, BOMBAY.

slimness a memory of the past.

The group of hospitals in Bombay, including St. George's (the European Hospital), the Jamsetji, and the Cama, a women's hospital with a school of midwifery recognized by the Central Midwives Board in this country, in which the Sisters of the All Saints Community did such valuable pioneer work, have turned out many well-trained nurses, European, Eurasian, and native. For those who intend to work subsequently in India, the training given in these hospitals is specially valuable, as they

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