

who presided, pointed out that it was the first time that the promoters of the hospital had asked the public for subscriptions. The new building would cost £20,000; £8,000 had already been subscribed. The committee, therefore, appealed for the balance of £12,000. He hoped that the appeal will meet with a generous response.

\* \* \*

At the recent influential gathering assembled to attend the distribution of prizes and certificates to the students of the London School of Medicine for Women, by Miss Louisa Stevenson, she said she has just returned from a visit to India, where she had beheld with admiration the great work achieved by the Countess of Dufferin in facilitating the practice of medicine by Englishwomen among the native women of India, and her sex owed her a deep debt of gratitude for accomplishing so arduous an undertaking as removing the chief obstacles, which were at one time considered almost insurmountable, owing to native prejudice. Only experience would teach them the value of professional attendance, and the women doctors in India were, therefore, not well paid; it was on this account desirable for women to offer their services in the first instance for a nominal fee. Miss Stevenson spoke in the highest terms of Dr. Edith Pechey, and said that the Bombay Hospital, over which she presided, was the model of all a hospital should be. Mrs. Garrett Anderson, who was present at the meeting, gave a most encouraging report of the progress now being made by medical women. She said there were at present sixty female doctors on the medical register, and sixty-nine students in the school; of these thirty-eight were receiving clinical instruction at the Royal Free Hospital.

\* \* \*

On the 10th inst. a *Fête Champêtre* was held at the Neasden Stud Farm in aid of the Home of Rest for Horses, which is used, firstly, as a hospital for the reception of sick horses, and to enable the poorer classes—cabmen, tradesmen, and others—to procure, on moderate terms, rest and good treatment for animals that are failing, not from old age, but from overwork (Nurses will, I feel sure, sympathise with these weary and worthy animals) or other accidental causes. Secondly, to provide animals, for a period of from three to six weeks, for such poor persons for temporary use, while their own are resting at the Home. Thirdly, to provide a suitable asylum for old favourites. This sounds pathetic. But when one knows that for £28 a-year "old favourites" are provided with a loose box, hay, straw, and two feeds per day in winter, necessary clothing and veterinary attendance, and in summer, with shelter at night and additional food according to the season, one wishes that all

one's poorer human brethren were as well off. The Home owes its origin to the practical sympathy of Miss Lindo for animals. The good work was begun by her early in 1886, and I am glad to hear is succeeding admirably. Annual subscriptions and donations may be forwarded to the secretary, 13, Victoria-buildings, Victoria Station.

---

## CORRESPONDENCE.

---

*\*\* We do not hold ourselves responsible for opinions expressed by our Correspondents. Brevity and conciseness will have first consideration. See notices.*

*To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."*

SIR,—I notice from remarks in your valuable paper that a thorough knowledge of domestic management, as well as of Nursing, is considered desirable and requisite by most hospital authorities from a candidate before selecting her to act as Lady Superintendent. I therefore suggest that after the competitive essay on "Hospital Diets," the next subject chosen should be "Household Management." Many Sisters "who have left home early" complain of the lack of opportunity, in their Nursing career, to learn house-keeping, and I feel sure they might obtain much useful information from a series of papers on this subject. For instance, a knowledge of the best textures in linen, flannel, and blankets, and the average prices; the average amount of soap and soda necessary for laundry use in a hospital of say from 100 to 300 beds; the amount per week that should be given to scrubbers for ward cleaning, &c.; the number of servants necessary in the kitchen where gas and steam are used, and where only the ordinary coal fire is used; the best and most economical part of beef for beef-tea, and how long it should take to prepare; and many other things that might be touched upon, that would be of equal use to Matrons and Sisters who may have to see after these details.—I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

LOUISA EAST, Lady Superintendent.

National Hospital, Queen-square, Bloomsbury, W.C., July 16.

*To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."*

SIR,—I think all Nurses should read your vigorous editorial of last week on the very distressing paragraph which appeared in the *Hospital* of the 7th inst., concerning Nurse Finns, and I quite agree with you that "ignorance is no excuse" for quite unnecessarily publishing broadcast a statement which reflects such dis-

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)