

Welsh Chapel in Soho. Miss Tytler also shows the kindness which exists between musicians, how Brinley Richards freely gave the promising little Welsh girl a lesson a week without a fee, and Mme. Edith Wynne and Mrs. Megan Watts Hughes also lent their aid subsequently to develop her singing powers, and to encourage their countrywoman's inborn talent.

MARY DAVIES' first appearance in public was at one of Mr. Brinley Richards' concerts in the Hanover Square Rooms when she sang Haydn's "My mother bids me bind my hair," and "Adieu to thee, Cambria," and was favourably received, and since then her success has been great.

MRS. HUMPHRY WARD writes about Mrs. Elizabeth Browning as the example of "English Men and Women of the Nineteenth Century," in *Atalanta* for September, grouping her name with those of Miss Austen, Charlotte Brontë, George Elliot, and Mrs. Gaskell, as the great literary English-women of the century, and to Mrs. Browning, whom she considers holds a great place from "her pre-eminent womanliness, her quick, constant appeal to our readiest and simplest feelings, and that sacredness about her which comes from her story and her place, not only in poetry, but in a poet's life."

LADY FRANCIS TREVANION has written the following letter to the *Queen*:—"The Animals' Institute, which was only opened this season for the reception of patients, has already more than verified the founder's fears that much suffering amongst the animals of the poorer classes existed without proper surgical treatment. The gratuitous advice daily given is taken full advantage of, and the hospital accommodation for the worst cases is now too small to admit the great number of horses, dogs, cats, and other animals requiring treatment. A supplementary institution is wanted—a sanatorium in the suburbs—where cases requiring prolonged treatment, careful dietary, and rest can be kept. Such an addition, if the preliminary expenses were forthcoming, can, it is stated, be made quite self-supporting, and, by utilising the accommodation for paying patients, be made even a source of income to the parent institution."

MRS. PRENTISS BAILEY, an American lady, has invented a most ingenious apparatus, by which invalids can help to move themselves in bed, thus aiding both Nurse and patient.

BE guarded in discourse—attentive and slow to speak.

### HOSPITAL INTELLIGENCE.

REPORTS OF INSTITUTIONS, ETC., COMMUNICATED AND COLLECTED.

THE present system, or rather want of system, upon which Hospitals are rated is in urgent need of some reform. It is quite ridiculous that St. Thomas's Hospital should pay £2,000 in rates and the London Hospital only £56. In other countries the State supports the Hospitals; in this it not only leaves the Hospitals to be supported anyhow, but taxes those benevolent persons who save the State's money, and do what some consider the State's duty. It is, at any rate, some small consolation to hear that an attempt is to be made to get Parliament to settle this subject on a definite basis.

It is announced in the *British Medical Journal* that a valuable addition has been made to the Royal Infirmary at Glasgow in the form of a Nurses' Home, erected to the east of the main building. The Home is four stories in height, one hundred and sixty-four feet long by thirty-eight and-a-half feet wide, and overlooks the Cathedral and Necropolis. It contains eighty-five bed-rooms, besides Superintendents' rooms, recreation rooms, bath-room, &c. The heating is effected by a system of hot-water pipes, and the ventilation by Tobin's tubes. The rooms have been well and tastefully furnished, with a view to the pleasure as well as comfort of the Nurses. At the back of the building a tennis-court has been laid out. A covered way, one hundred and eighty feet long by fifteen feet wide, by twelve feet high, connects the Home with the Infirmary. It is intended to utilise this to some extent as a promenade for convalescent patients. The roof is arched and glazed. Heating arrangements are also provided, and when the present intention of furnishing it with plants is carried out, it will be an admirable exercising gallery in winter as well as summer. The total cost of the building is estimated at over £8,000. The business capacity of the late Chairman of the House Committee, Mr. McEwen, secured the ground, on which the building is erected, at little cost. The Directors bought the ground, according to Mr. McEwen, from the Corporation of the City, and made a pretty fair bargain, for he acquired it for £2,000, and when they had taken off as much as they wanted, they sold the remainder back to the Corporation for the price they had paid for the whole, and they bound down the Corporation never to put any building upon it in all time coming!

FROM the *Lancet* we learn that the Government Hospital at Port Said is under the management of

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