

ABERDEEN ROYAL INFIRMARY.—The first annual report of the directors under the new constitution was issued on the 30th of last month. The balance sheet showed a deficiency of £1,165.

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THE annual meeting of the supporters of the Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis, Portland Terrace, Regent's Park, was held in Willis's Rooms, on April 28th. The Vice-President (Bishop Perry) took the chair. The financial statement shewed a decrease in voluntary contributions, which, however, was balanced by the large number of legacies received.

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LORD RANDOLPH CHURCHILL presided at a special festival held on behalf of the St. Mary's Hospital at the Hotel Métropole on Saturday last. In proposing "Prosperity to St. Mary's Hospital," his Lordship spoke of the pressing need of further hospital accommodation. He said that the metropolis was out-growing its hospital system, and pointed out that there was a great falling off in the efforts of the rich on behalf of the hospitals, which owed much to the support of the working classes.

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THE following institutions have been benefitted by bequests, contributions, &c.:—*East London Nursing Society*, £25, donation from the Clothworkers' Company; *Royal Berkshire Hospital*, £500, donation from Mr. Richard Benyon, of Englefield Park; *S. Mary's Hospital*, £100, donation from Mr. Henry Clarke; *Royal Infirmary, Glasgow*, £200, by the will of the late Mr. John Anthony Grahame; *Royal Hospital for Incurables, West Hill, Putney*, £500, by the will of the late Mr. John Baker; *Great Northern Central Hospital*, £105, donation from the late Professor Leone Levi; *Dental Hospital of London*, £50, donation from Sir E. Saunders; *Taunton and Somerset Hospital*, £100, by the will of the late Mr. William Speke; *Royal Maternity Charity*, £100, by the will of the late Mrs. E. Douglas.

THE OPINIONS OF OTHERS.

NURSING—No time could have been more suitable than the present for the publication of a periodical specially devoted to the interests of sick nurses. Not ladies of the profession only, but two-thirds of the women of England, will hail with pleasure the *Nursing Record*, the first monthly number of which has just appeared. It is thoroughly interesting, giving information on a very large number of subjects connected with sick nursing. The cheerful, courageous, and refined tone throughout the paper reminds us of nothing so much as of one of the self-denying women themselves, who spend their useful lives in relieving, by their skilful ministrations, their suffering fellow creatures.—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

WOMEN AND THEIR WORK.

WHAT an indefatigable worker the Queen is, very few people know, and even fewer can understand. Her Majesty, for example, on her return from Berlin, did not reach Windsor till nine o'clock at night, but instead of resting after her long journey, commenced her letters directly after dinner, and did not finish the accumulated arrears of her correspondence till half-past two in the morning! Few women of her age, after such a fatiguing journey, would care—even if they were able—to do as much.

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A CHARACTERISTIC anecdote is being told. The Queen and Princess Christian were driving near the Castle on May-day, when they came across a party of small boys and girls "a-maying." With her invariable kindness and consideration of the feelings of everyone, small or great, Her Majesty stopped the carriage and distributed some silver among the bairns, and with equally characteristic generosity Princess Christian emptied her own purse among them, then turned round laughingly to the Queen and said, "See, I am bankrupt." Whereupon Her Majesty at once retorted, "No; you have at least one Sovereign left." "Yes, Mother, but one I could not possibly spare," said the popular Princess, whose wit is as ready as her heart is good and kind.

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WHAT a facile and pleasant writer Princess Christian is. She has just finished another book, a translation of the "Correspondence between Voltaire and the Margravine of Baireuth." It is issued from the press this week as a companion to her former work, the translation of the "Memoirs of the Margravine of Baireuth." Then the first article in *Murray's Magazine* for this month is from her pen, on the subject of "Needlework," written in most lucid and attractive style, and embodying alike interesting reminiscences of the past, and some more recent records. She does not include plain needlework, but gives a charming account of lace and Shetland wool work.

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THERE is an interesting article in the *Magazine of Art* for April, on "Woman and her chance as an Artist," in which it is related, that of the eighty-seven candidates who recently presented themselves for examination for admission into the Royal Academy Schools, only one dozen were accepted, and of these ten were women, showing the place the sex is beginning to take in the artistic world. This fact is certainly emphasized by the results of the great sale of pictures from the Marton Hall Gallery the other day. A work by Rosa Bonheur reached the highest price given for any one of the seventy sold. Her "Denizens of the Highlands," a group of cattle, on a canvas measuring only thirty-seven

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