

To obtain free admission, patients must have a letter of recommendation from a subscriber, the governor, or the patron.

The members of the Committee of Management Board meet in the Committee Room once a week to discuss matters of interest.

With reference to the training of Nurses, it is meant to educate them up to the standard of the British Nurses' Association for the sake of Registration, and they have opportunities afforded them of listening to a regular course of lectures by eminent professional men. During the last two years it has been decided to make this a training establishment for Nurses, either to suit them for private work or otherwise as the case may be.

Now, a word before I close. I confess I am exceedingly surprised that more trained Nurses do not come out to this country from Home. The work here is by no means hard, and the pay is very good. Clothing is remarkably inexpensive here, while the climate cannot be surpassed. The food is of the best, whilst nearly all the year round delicious fruits of all kinds can be indulged in.

So I trust these remarks will meet the eye of those who are wavering and undecided as to coming to Cape Colony; but when once they do come I venture to prophesy they will by no means feel inclined to go back to their own homes. Of course, in a case of leaving home, domestic ties must, to a certain extent, be severed; that is inevitable, still, those Nurses who love their profession and come here as a matter of duty, will not hesitate for a moment in respect to being parted from their friends for a few years.

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## Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

GRIMSBY proposes to celebrate the forthcoming Royal Wedding in a very graceful and permanently useful fashion, by establishing a Children's Ward at the Grimsby and District Hospital, to be known as the Princess May Children's Ward. The working men's committee guarantee £100 towards the scheme, and the public are asked to provide the additional £400 which are necessary.

WE have received the Seventy-ninth annual report for 1892, of the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City Road, London, E.C., and an exceedingly business-like, well arranged and printed report it is, reflecting every credit on those responsible for its compilation. There is a brevity and conciseness about it which are worthy of imitation.

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It is a record of a useful and valuable work undertaken with great care, and considerable difficulty, owing to the want of funds, so very acutely accentuated just at present. The following "Few Facts" will prove of interest:—This was the first Hospital established in Europe for the study and treatment of Consumption and other diseases of the Chest. For nearly 80 years its work has been carried on in the midst of densely populated districts of the Metropolis. Tens of thousands of the poor have received incalculable benefits from the Charity, so that many thousands of lives have been prolonged which, without the aid of the Hospital, must have succumbed to the diseases so prevalent in England. Reflex benefits are secured to the wealthier classes by the extended opportunities afforded by the Institution for the medical study of these special diseases. A special feature of this Hospital is, that beds are kept for the reception of persons presenting themselves for relief as Out-patients who are suffering from acute and dangerous diseases of the chest of recent origin, and who cannot be *properly* treated unless they are immediately received as In-patients. The strictest economy is practised in all matters connected with the Hospital, the House, Drug, and Finance Committees, the Council very closely examining every item of Expenditure. As the Hospital is situated almost at the junction of the four comparatively poor Parishes of Shoreditch, St. Luke's, Clerkenwell, and the lower part of Islington, only limited support is obtainable from the neighbouring residents. As patients come to the Hospital not only from these, but from all other Parishes of London, from outlying Districts of the Metropolis, the Home Counties, and distant parts of the country, the Council feel that they can with confidence appeal to the public at large for support. The new wing now completed, while greatly increasing the usefulness of the Hospital, necessarily adds to the cost of maintenance. 496 in-patients and 23,675 out-patients received attendance during the year. Considerable economy under "domestic expenses," saving in the dispensary, and decrease in cost of management, have been effected. But increase in gas, rates, repairs, and medical officers' salaries have to be contended against. In brief, the receipts for the year fell short of the expenditure by £1,024 11s. 7d., and to find this and much more, particularly annual subscriptions, for the proper and efficient carrying on of the Institution, the Committee, not unreasonably, make an appeal. Their admirable management and stewardship fully warrant their request being complied with.

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