

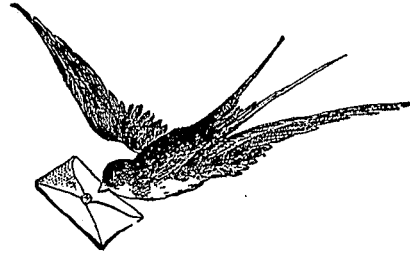
Relief afforded from 1st Jan. to 31st Dec., 1893—				
In-Patients	...	...	...	3,228
Out-Patients	...	...	...	49,486
Total	...	...	...	52,714
The following figures show its wants—				
Ordinary Expenditure, about	...	...	...	£20,000
Reliable Income	...	...	...	6,000
Amount for which the Charity is dependent upon Donations and Legacies				£14,000
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THE quarterly general Court of Governors of the Middlesex Hospital was held on Thursday, at the Hospital, under the Presidency of Sir LIONEL PILKINGTON, and the other Governors who were present included Lord Sandhurst, Mr. S. B. Bancroft, Sir Ralph Thompson, Mr. G. W. Spencer Lyttleton, and Mr. C. G. Gathorne-Hardy. In a report which was submitted to the court, special reference was made to the great success which attended the festival dinner held on April 13th, when the Prince of WALES presided. Plans and specifications for the new operating theatre of the Hospital had now been completed, and a tender for executing the work at a cost of £3,296, together with another tender for the ventilation and heating, at a cost of £1,129 16s., had been accepted, and this expenditure the court was asked to sanction. During the period under review a legacy of £1,000 had been left to the Hospital by Mrs. LANDERS, a further sum of £2,000 had been paid over by the executors of the late Mr. HENRY SPICER, and several other legacies had been received. In response to a letter from Princess CHRISTIAN, it had been agreed to co-operate with the Royal British Nurses' Association in any practical scheme which could be elaborated for the formation of a reserve of Nurses, to be offered to the authorities in the event of war. The subscriptions received during the quarter ended March 31st last amounted to £1,361 14s. 6d. as compared with £1,299 1s. during the corresponding period of last year, showing a net increase of £62 13s. 6d. The report was adopted on the motion of Lord SANDHURST, and the expenditure on the new operating theatre was authorised.

WE are glad to hear that Dr. WYNN WESTCOTT has been elected Coroner for the North-Eastern Metropolitan District, at a salary of £1,150 per annum, and congratulate him on his well deserved success.

LADY JEUNE will hold a drawing-room meeting in aid of the North-Eastern Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, at 79, Harley Street, on the 11th inst.

THE Duke of FIFE will preside at the Festival Dinner to be held at the Hôtel Métropole, in aid of the Samaritan Free Hospital, on the 12th inst.



Our Foreign Letter.

CIVIL GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL, KANDY, CEYLON.

I think you may be interested in hearing about this Hospital. The East Grinstead Sisters were asked to come and take charge of it, and Miss Higgins and I volunteered to come and help them. We got here on February 12th.

Many people passing through Kandy would not know there was a large Hospital so near. On leaving the station, instead of turning to the left and going into the town, you turn to the right, climb up a steep hill and down the other side, and there nestling right into a natural basin in the side of a hill, is the Hospital. It is built on the block system, joined by covered steps and colonnades, and has wide verandahs on each side of the wards. It contains 168 beds, and is generally nearly full. There are two private rooms for European patients, one four-bedded ward for Europeans or Burghers, one four-bedded ward for police constables who relieve each other, generally the new ones come in before the old ones go out, but they find it often a pleasant place in which to take a day off duty. There is a lying-in ward with ten beds. Male surgical and accident ward contains 28 beds. This is at the present time nearly full of assault cases, the Singhalese being very ready in pulling out their native knives, worn in their girdles, and stabbing each other. They have lately been keeping one of their great festivals "not wisely but too well."

There is another male surgical ward of 22 beds for private cases and bad ulcers. Two male medical wards of 22 beds each, one male and one female wards with 34 beds, one ward of four beds for dysentery, and a female medical ward with 18 beds.

For these patients we have at present, one Matron, two ward Sisters, six Burgher Nurses, and four ward attendants, mostly Tamil but a few Singhalese.

Our present wants which we are crying out for, and which I think we shall get, are Probationers, and above all a Night Superintendent.

Dr. Keynsey, the principal medical officer of the Civil Department, is anxious to do all he can to improve the nursing, and there is much room for it.

The Burgher Nurses are all under twenty, and their idea of their vocation is taking temperatures and giving medicine. A poor little baby with bronchitis will be taken out to be washed in the verandah, stripped naked, and washed in cold water, when there is a thick fog hanging over the Hospital, and before the sun is over the hill. When remonstrated with for allowing such a thing, the Nurse answers me: "How could I help it, when the attendant took it out, and

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