

that "Sister Elizabeth Melville had, during the course of her stay in the Hospital, endeared herself to many a little patient and all the staff. As a testimony of the appreciation in which she was held by those who knew her best a sum of £100 1s. 6d. was collected and a cot named in her memory."

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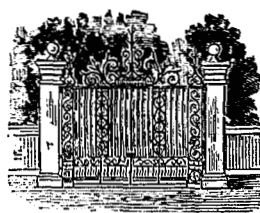
We are indebted to the well-known House Governor of the General Hospital, Birmingham, Mr. Howard J. Collins, for a copy of the One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual Report of that Institution. It is, as in previous years, a remarkable compilation, and, as hitherto, a model of what a Hospital Report should be. The accounts are clear, and complete to the smallest item, it being even noted that so many loaves of milk bread, and 988 pounds of oatmeal were consumed during the year. As showing what it requires to keep a hospital lighted and warmed it is noticeable that 720 tons of coal, 227 tons of "slack," and nearly five million cubic feet of gas were used during the year. The work continues to grow, and the Nursing department receives due notice. Miss Zara Stephenson, Matron of the Rotherham Hospital, entered on her duties on the resignation of Miss Allen, last November. The Nursing Sub-Committee, which we are glad to learn the Hospital possesses, holds monthly meetings and deals with all the Nursing questions which may arise. The new Hospital is making satisfactory progress, and it is estimated will cost at least £200,000 to build and equip. Towards this about £100,000 has already been collected, together with various bequests and promises, but the Committee consider that £50,000 more will still be required to cover the total expenses of the new building.

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We have received the Report for the last year of the East End Mothers' Home, and are glad to find that its good work continues to prosper. It is the only maternity hospital for the whole of the East End of London, that is to say, for about a million of people. During the year, 218 patients were admitted as against 196 in the previous twelve months, and 284 women were attended outside the Home as against 255 in 1893. An earnest effort is being made to raise one thousand pounds in order to pay off the loan on the freehold of the Home, and those in search of a suitable object for charity might wisely consider the claims of this valuable institution. Dr. Cursham Corner, whose name is a household one in East London, is the visiting Medical Officer and Lecturer, and makes a most valuable and interesting Report upon the work of the Home.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



UNIVERSITY Extension students are now being made acquainted with the syllabus of this year's Summer Meeting to be held in Oxford throughout August. The period for study will be the 18th century, its history, art, geographical discoveries, philosophy,

literature, &c. There will be separate classes formed for the theory of teaching, for Greek, and other special subjects. The full programme, containing a list of lodgings, will be ready about Easter time. Those who have known the splendid work done by Mr. Michael E. Sadler (of Christ Church) will greatly regret to hear that he has retired from the Secretaryship. But there is every reason to believe that the traditions of enthusiastic Summer Gatherings will be carried on under the direction of Mr. Marriott, one of the most able and popular among the Oxford University Extension lecturers.

"Should the censorship be abolished?" has been during the last few days the all-pervading question in theatrical circles. Of course the answer has been an unqualified Yes. But words have run high round those important, not-to-be-ignored elements in society—the wife, the mother, and the daughter. These must be protected, say some, and not a word be uttered that would bring a blush to their cheek. Certainly; but why in the name of all that is reasonable should one man, and that an irresponsible nonentity, be invested with autocratic control over the Stage? If a jury of play examiners was appointed, there would be more justice and more confidence. But to be consistent, a similar jury should be appointed in regard to literature. With an eye to the "Young Person," the proper destination for much of our *fin-de-siècle* literature, so called, would be, not her boudoir, but the Censor's nether pit.

However, for years there has been one entertainment which has never flagged in offering healthy and hearty amusement to mothers and maidens, to clergymen and Nurses, to country cousins, and to noisy school boys. Now, alas, the moving spirit is no more. Last Saturday Mr. Corney Grain passed away, another victim to the influenza scourge. Yet this is not all. Only last Thursday Mr. Alfred German Reed, the son of the founder of these entertainments, was buried; and on Monday last he was followed by his mother, Mrs. German Reed.

The *Sun* newspaper has been causing a flutter of sensation among the waitresses of refreshment establishments. Under the striking title of "Lyons and Lambs," it has shown that Messrs. Lyons pay their girls by commission, and let them rely upon "tips" for other money. Needless to say this has resulted in many individual hardships. The moral of it all is, let workers be paid a definite wage per week, and abolish the degrading system of tipping.

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