

The Home is in two parts, the Day and Night Homes being quite separate buildings, the object of this being to ensure the greatest possible quiet to the Night Nurses during their sleeping hours. The Day Home contains a spacious entrance hall, one dining and one sitting room, each 25ft. by 25ft., with large deep bay windows and lofty ceilings, 48 bedrooms, bath rooms, lavatories, linen rooms, box rooms, &c. The floors of the entrance hall, passages, sitting and dining rooms, are of polished Austrian oak, and the staircase is of oak.

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The sitting room furniture is of American walnut, the easy chairs and lounges being of a particularly comfortable character; a good piano is also provided. The dining room furniture is of solid oak. A separate bedroom, 12ft. by 9ft., furnished with bedstead, combination dressing chest and washstand of satin walnut, small table, lounge wicker chair, etc., etc., is allotted to each Nurse. There is a fireplace in each room, the hall and passages being warmed by hot-water radiators.

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The Night Home contains 34 separate bedrooms with a sitting room for the Night Sister, bathrooms, lavatories, etc., the hall and passages being similar to those in the Day Home. The sitting and dining rooms in the Day Home are common to both Day and Night Nurses. The Committee is to be congratulated on having now provided for their Nurses so admirable and complete a Home, and one which is, we believe, unsurpassed by any Nurses' Home in London.

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A VERY pleasant evening, owing to the kind efforts of the Matron, Miss RIDLEY, was spent last Monday, by both patients and visitors, at the Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis, Portland Terrace, Regent's Park. Miss Helen l'Amy sang several songs, and was greeted with the warmest applause; and Mr. Herman F. Prideaux Davson kept his audience in roars of laughter by his amusing recitations. "The Holy City" and "Beauty's Eyes" were both beautifully rendered by Mr. John Archer, as also were those by Mrs. Jerome Murphy; and Dr. Althaus gave two charming selections on the pianoforte. Dr. Althaus, in expressing thanks to the various performers, including the pianist, Miss Osborne, said he felt sure that such an occasion would be a red letter day in the patients' lives. Among those present were Dr. Guthrie, Mr. and Mrs. Graham, Dr. Cagney, Miss Butler, Miss Burrows, and Mrs. Johnson. Out of the 21 patients in the Hospital, 20 were fortunately well enough to attend the concert.

ON Saturday evening, at a special meeting of the board of delegates of the Hospital Saturday Fund, it was unanimously resolved that a sum of £17,600 be divided among the 165 participating institutions as follows:—30 general hospitals, £6,201 13s.; 63 special hospitals, £6,392 1s.; 35 dispensaries, £1,062 9s.; 17 convalescent homes, £1,496 19s.; 18 miscellaneous institutions (including distribution and surgical appliance committees, also institutions for the gratuitous nursing of the sick poor in their own homes), £2,150 17s.; amount to set aside, &c., £296 1s. The total receipts for the past year slightly exceeded £20,000. The awards were less than those of 1894 by £178 5s. 9d. Among the principal grants were:—London Hospital, £908 5s.; Guy's, £521 19s.; Middlesex, £339 7s.; University College Hospital, £357; St. George's, £460 16s.; Royal Free, £239 13s.; St. Mary's, £396 3s.; Poplar, £82 17s.; Westminster, £305 5s.; Brompton, £429 2s.; City of London (Victoria Park), £739, 7s.; Hospital for Sick Children, £248 7s.; Victoria Hospital for Children, £184 5s.; National Hospital for Epilepsy, £240 5s.; Royal London Ophthalmic, £209 4s.; Distribution Committee, £750; and Surgical Appliance Committee, £1,000. With regard to the Chelsea Hospital for Women, the Distribution Committee, having carefully considered the official report of the committee of inquiry, were of opinion that a lamentable condition of affairs for the year 1893 had been disclosed. They hesitated to recommend the removal of the institution from the list, as they hoped and believed that great efforts were being, and would be, made, to restore and justify public confidence. The committee recommend a grant being made in accordance with the "plan of award," but that the amount—viz., £95 1s.—be not paid over until the authorities of the Hospital had fully satisfied the Board of the Hospital Saturday Fund that the requirements and reforms mentioned in the official report had been carried out. The committee strongly approved the action of Dr. LOUIS PARKES, Medical Officer of Health, in calling public attention to the matter. The Distribution Committee also recommended that a sum be set aside equal to a grant to the Queen's Jubilee Hospital on the usual "plan of award," that that sum—viz., £63 13s.—be paid to the Hospital when the serious charges made in the Press had been met and publicly refuted to the satisfaction of the Board of the Hospital Saturday Fund, and when the following appointments had been made by the governors of the institution—viz., treasurer, finance committee, house committee of not less than six members meeting weekly. The board of delegates approved the recommendations of the committee in regard both to the Chelsea Hospital for Women and the Queen's Jubilee Hospital.

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