

fifty-seven persons voted, forty against him and seventeen for him. Neither he nor his wife voted, although entitled to do so. The result in votes is brought about by the system of cumulative voting prevailing at the Hospital, which we have no hesitation in condemning, as a most pernicious system, and one which ought to be at once abolished in the management of every public Institution.

The question of the temporary accommodation of persons suffering from infectious diseases having been under the consideration of the City Commissioners of Sewers, they have directed the circulation throughout their district of a memorandum by Dr. W. Sidgwick Saunders, the Medical Officer of Health, containing suggestions as to the best course to adopt in the event of a case of infectious disease occurring on premises at a time when the congested state of the public Hospitals prevents their removal, and inviting the serious attention of the citizens to the matter.

Dr. Saunders asserts that in a vast majority of instances in the large warehouses, banks, and offices there is, with very few exceptions, an entire absence of all convenience for the treatment of employes when overtaken by illness. He suggests that in every building where employes live by day and sleep by night a room should be appropriated exclusively for contingencies of the outbreak of disease. It should be at the top of the building and completely shut off by a solid partition from any apartments used for living or sleeping purposes. A small lobby with cross ventilation, where possible should be provided outside the entrance door, so as to prevent the door from opening directly on to any other part of the building. At least 1,500 cubic feet of air space should be allotted to each bed, with means of thorough ventilation in the sick room, good water supply, plenty of light, &c. A suitable fireplace, wherein all cooking for the sick could be carried on should be provided. Very little furniture would be needed, and this could be purchased at an hour's notice.

At an examination for Inspectors of Nuisances held in London on December 6th and 7th, for the certificate of the Sanitary Institute, out of 128 candidates 83 were certified, as regards their sanitary knowledge, competent to discharge the duties of Sanitary Inspectors. Four ladies were among the number. We are glad to see that Miss Margery Homersham, the well-known Lecturer and member of the British Nurses' Association, was amongst the successful candidates.

The Metropolitan Asylums Board have determined to open Gore Farm Hospital for the reception of convalescent scarlet fever patients.

Sir William Broadbent has accepted the post of consulting physician to the West-end Hospital for Diseases of the Nervous System, Paralysis, and Epilepsy.

Two anonymous donations, one of £1,000, the other of £500, have just been sent to the Rev. W. Carlile, Hon. Chief Secretary of the Church Army, in aid of the work of the society.

At the quarterly meeting of the board of delegates of the Hospital Saturday Fund, held yesterday at the headquarters in Farringdon Road, the report of the finance committee, presented by the secretary (Mr. W. G. Bunn) showed that the receipts from all sources from Jan. 7 to Dec. 7 had amounted to £16,357 17s. 6d., while the payments had reached £2,188 15s. 3d. During the quarter ending Dec. 7 the subscription from the workshops amounted to £4,829 18s. 3d.

Christmas in the Women's Hospitals.

THE NEW HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, EUSTON ROAD.

CHRISTMAS was observed most pleasantly at this Hospital, the women students and Nurses uniting to making their patients forget for the time their aches and pains and troubles.

Collections have been for some time the order of the day, and many were the contributions dropped into the box held by a charming monkey dressed as a doll, who was placed on the staircase with a label, "Please do not pass me by!" It would indeed have been a hard-hearted individual who could resist the pleadings of the creature on behalf of the pleasure and comfort of his more fully developed human brothers and sisters!

The entertainment to the Nurses and patients by the women medical students took place on December 20th at 6 p.m., and consisted for the most part of the performance given the day previously to the inmates of the Royal Free Hospital.

"A Dress Rehearsal" was excellently performed, and in addition the lady students formed a nigger troupe and disported themselves with much vivacity and wit. The singing was very good.

On Christmas Day the patients did full justice to the turkey and puddings provided—the latter being specially good and prepared from an admirable recipe of the Matron, Miss Cartwright. The writer would almost be afraid to disclose the number of pounds consumed. Rules as to visitors were made very elastic on Christmas Day, and all the patients who were well enough were allowed almost as many friends as they liked.

The Nurses gave a most enjoyable entertainment to the patients on Christmas Day, consisting of "Mrs. Jarley's Wax-works," tableaux, and music. "The Three Old Maids of Lee" was also capitally done, the young ladies full of spirit and fun being gradually, by means of tow wigs and masks, transformed into historic sour old spinsters. This feature of the afternoon was specially popular.

After the entertainment the patients drew tickets for presents, which were brought in in large baskets to the ward specially set apart for the amusements inseparable from Christmas. The numbers of the tickets were called out by "Mrs. Jarley," and the corresponding beautiful presents—wool shawls, flannel petticoats, and some more frivolous gifts—were handed round. Each patient received three or four presents, and all expressed their delight at the excellent provision made to ensure their "Christmas in Hospital" being a great pleasure to look back upon.

THE SAMARITAN FREE HOSPITAL, MARYLEBONE ROAD.

ANYONE who knows Miss Butler, the Matron of the Samaritan Hospital, would feel quite confident that she would spare no effort to provide a very happy Christmas for the patients and Nurses under her care; and the very attractive programme of amusements afforded was evidence of the consideration and kindness she

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