

Metropolitan Hospitals, greatly deplored that there was no centre of information for Hospital matters; they also stated that no Nurse could be considered thoroughly trained under three years' training. A Central Hospital Board, on a broad and liberal basis, would, we believe, effect many reforms in Hospital matters—for that reason its day is far distant.

On Saturday evening, at a meeting of the delegates of the Hospital Saturday Fund, held at the Farringdon Road offices under the presidency of Mr. Acland, the chairman of the council, it was unanimously resolved to distribute the sum of £17,650 among 174 institutions. This is £42 more than last year, but the participators have increased by 9. The Institutions include 32 general Hospitals, £6,608 10s.; 64 special hospitals, £6,101 2s.; 20 convalescent homes, £1,566 3s.; 36 dispensaries, £952 9s.; and 22 miscellaneous, including the Surgical Appliances Committee and the Society for Gratuitous Nursing of the Sick Poor in their own Homes, £2,421 16s. The total receipts for the year amounted to £20,039, as against £19,978 last year. The principal recipients were the London Hospital, £820 2s.; Guy's, £535 13s.; St. Thomas's (first time of participation), £504 3s.; Brompton (consumption), £479 9s.; St. George's, £447 18s.; Middlesex, £391 3s.; St. Mary's, £375 11s.; City of London, £342 11s.; University, £317 16s.; Seamen's, £309 9s.; Westminster, £297 3s.; Metropolitan Convalescent Home, £260 2s.; Morley House Convalescent Home, £237 12s.; National Hospital for Epilepsy, £231 2s.; Hospital for Sick Children, £217 7s.; Royal Free, £212 4s.; Royal London Ophthalmic, £200 8s.; Victoria Hospital for Children, £191 8s.; Surgical Appliances Committee, £1,000.

The Diploma of the Society of Apothecaries of London has been granted to Messrs. W. Benton, Charing Cross Hospital; E. E. Cornaby, Cambridge and London; W. Hampson, St. Bartholomew's; H. W. Silver, Charing Cross Hospital; M. M. Townsend, King's College Hospital; H. E. Webb and H. E. Wise, Middlesex Hospital; and Miss E. G. Adams, Royal Free Hospital. The diploma of the Society entitles the recipients to practise medicine, surgery, and midwifery, and enables the holder to compete for medical appointments in the Army, Navy, and India Service; also for Poor Law appointments.

The returns presented at Saturday's fortnightly meeting of the Metropolitan Asylums Board showed that the number of fever patients in the hospitals of the board was 3,602, an increase of 71 compared with the preceding fortnight. The number of smallpox patients was 70, an increase of one.

Mr. David Lewis has offered to erect, at a cost of £60,000, a new Hospital and Nurses' Home in Liverpool.

The s.s. *Garland* which arrived at Holyhead on the 15th inst., from the Black Sea and Constantinople, reports that on the voyage there were 15 cases of cholera, three of which were distinctly acute Asiatic cholera, two ending fatally, the last death being on January 11th last. Measures were taken at Holyhead to disinfect the vessel, and no further attacks having taken place the ship has proceeded to Barrow-in-Furness, where she will be carefully watched.

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AN old and popular place of amusement—Hengler's Circus, Argyll Street, Regent Street—has just been converted into a permanent Skating Palace. There are no less than 11,000 feet of perfect ice, under cover, and there are also music and other pleasurable accompaniments provided. When one remembers how rarely skating can be obtained in this country, what an excellent and healthy exercise it is, and the comfort with which it can thus be pursued in the heart of London, it requires no gift of prophecy to anticipate the complete success and popularity of London's latest place of amusement. The Palace is open from eleven in the morning till the same hour at night, so that all Nurses would be able in their off-duty times to avail themselves of this healthy and enjoyable form of recreation.

### THE RED CROSS GERMICIDE COMPANY.

IN answer to a number of inquiries from our readers, we have pleasure in stating that the address of this Company is 56, Gresham Street, London, E.C., but that its valuable preparations, to which we recently drew attention, can be obtained through any chemist.

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