

The Ancoats Hospital is one of the most useful of Manchester charities, being maintained chiefly for and by the industrial classes, and having in connection with its management a Workpeople's Committee, the members of which last year raised upwards of £355. During the past twelve months 2,205 in-patients were received, and 6,316 cases of accident were treated. It is contemplated to add a Convalescent Home to the much-needed work of this Institution, and no one can fail to agree with the saying of the Chairman at the meeting held last week—"It is impossible," said Sir William Houldsworth, "to exaggerate the benefit and service to men who had passed through the Hospital of a week or a fortnight in the fresh air, where the cure might be completed and the strength absolutely restored."

At the annual meeting of the Sheffield Nurses Home, great stress was laid on the valuable work done by the District Nurses. In addition to the Nurse, who has for several years been working in the crofts, a second Nurse had been appointed, and assigned to an equally poor and crowded neighbourhood, where the services of the District Nurse are eagerly sought for and gratefully appreciated. The statement of accounts showed that the income for the year had amounted to £1,575, of which the Nurses had earned £1,387, and £140 was derived from subscriptions. The Lady Superintendent was complimented on her able management of the Institution.

A meeting of the Council of the Hospital Sunday Fund was held on Tuesday at the Mansion House, to receive the report of the Committee of distribution. Sir S. H. Waterlow presided, and in moving the adoption of the report said the amount collected this year to date was £44,683. This sum was divided amongst 125 Hospitals and 55 dispensaries. The falling off in this year's collection is no doubt the result of the magnificent contributions made by the public towards the Endowment Fund of Guy's Hospital.

The Committee of St. Thomas's Hospital, having recently been asked to accept donations for the purpose of naming beds in this Hospital in perpetuity, have received four sums of £1,000 each for this purpose—namely, from an anonymous friend in memory of Sir Bartle Frere, from Mr. George Richmond in memory of James Richmond, from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gassiot, and from the executrix of the late Mr. W. H. M'Alpine, of Brighton.

The Bovril Reception to Nurses on Tuesday afternoon was a grand success, attended by about 350 Nurses and their friends, all keenly interested in the manufacture of Bovril. The spacious manufactory was thrown completely open for inspection. Lord Playfair, Chairman of the Company, addressed the Nurses; also Mr. Johnston, while Mr. Andrew Walker, the Managing Director, and his able assistants, did all in their power, by their courtesy and attention, to make the visit to Bovril Factory one long to be remembered by those who were favoured with invitations. A luxurious tea was provided, and a demonstration of the X Röntgen Rays was greatly appreciated by the visitors.

Our Foreign Letter.

LETTER FROM HOLLAND.

THE third Annual General Meeting of the Dutch Association for Treatment of the Sick has been held at Amsterdam, on the 11th of June. Dr. Stephan, the Medical Superintendent of the "Burgerziekenhuis," presided at the Conference. In his opening speech he welcomed all those present with genuine cordiality. After having recalled to mind, in a few words, the second Annual Meeting of the "Bond," held at Santpoort, on the 29th of May, 1894, he told his hearers that the illness of the two lady members of the Board of Management must be considered as the cause of the fact that there had been organised no general meeting last year. He expressed his great delight at seeing the zealous, indefatigable secretary-treasurer, Jonkvrouwe J. de Bosch Kemper, seated, quite restored, among the members of the Board. With all those who know and esteem the other lady member, Miss Reynvaan, he regretted her absence, and uttered his most sincere wish that she soon may be her old self again.

From the Report, read by the Secretary, the auditorium learned that the Psychiatric Society at the Hague, the Committee for the Training of Nurses at the Hague, the Board of the House of Deaconesses at Arnheim, the Board of the Society for Sick-Nursing at Amsterdam, and that of the "Red Cross" have refused to adopt the principles of the Dutch Association for Treatment of the Sick. The "White Cross," the Society for Sick-Nursing at Utrecht, the "Burgerziekenhuis" at Amsterdam, the Sophia Children's Hospital at Rotterdam, the Rotterdam Sanatorium, the St. Elizabeth's Hospital at Haarlem, the House of Deaconesses at Leenwanden, and the Hospital at Harlingen have ceded to the "Bond." Nurses who are certificated by one of the latter institutions after the year 1894 are entitled to have their diploma stamped by the "Bond," and to share in all the "Bond" is able to do in order to further the material interests of our Nurses. A register has been made of the names of those Nurses who have offered their certificates to be provided with the stamp of the Dutch Association for the Treatment of the Sick (the "Bond"). The Secretary ended her account with an appeal to the sympathy and actual aid of all who are willing to further the cause of Sick-Nursing, and by expressing her wish that Nurses may be more and more united into one common bond.

As members of the Board of Management were chosen:—Jonkvrouwe J. de Bosch Kemper, Dr. Lamping, Dr. Barnouw, and Dr. Kuiper, the Medical Superintendent of the Wilhelmina Hospital.

After this, the Chairman brought forward the following proposals, offered to the assembly:—

"The Board of Management asks from the General Meeting a credit of 700 florins at the most, in order to give to four Nurses whose certificates have been stamped by the "Bond" an opportunity of restoring their broken health by going for some time into the country."

"The Board of Management asks from the General Meeting a credit of 300 florins at the most, in order to enable sixteen Nurses who are in the possession of certificates, acknowledged as

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