

"Francis Jacox Bed"; £1,050 to the Middlesex Hospital, to found a bed on the like terms; and £3,000 to St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, for three beds on the same conditions.

It is satisfactory to learn, in answer to a question in the House of Commons, that a private Bill is in course of preparation for the enlargement of the Richmond District Asylum in Dublin, the terrible overcrowding of which has, on more than one occasion, caused an outbreak of the disease known as beri-beri.

The twenty-third annual report of the Hospital Saturday Fund states that the receipts for the year were as follows:—Workshop collection, £16,337; street collection, £4,884; donations, £185; interest, £101; and ambulance (donations, sales, and fees), £105. The workshop collection shows the satisfactory increase of £1,074, and the street collection of £241.

At the annual meeting of Governors of the Royal South Hants Infirmary it was reported that the Mayor of Southampton had publicly stated that he would make the rebuilding of the Infirmary the main object of any memorial which might be carried out by the town and neighbourhood in commemoration of the sixtieth year of the Queen's reign. The fund for this purpose now amounts to £9,300, including £25 from Her Majesty, and the committee have lost no time in starting building, as the steam laundry and isolation wards are nearly completed. A very satisfactory report of the management of the Infirmary was submitted. The organisation of the nursing department, under the superintendence of Miss Mollett, has attained a high state of efficiency.

The 64th annual report of the Stockport Infirmary gives evidence of work well and satisfactorily done. A reduction of £128 on the expenditure of last year shows that the financial management of the Institution is carefully conducted. We note also that a legacy of £1,000 was left last year by Lady Whitworth towards the cost of a "Whitworth Nurse" to work amongst the home patients. We feel sure that many sick persons will have reason to be grateful to the donor of this bequest.

The Girls' Friendly Society Malvern Home of Rest has published its fifteenth annual report. From the grateful letters which have been received from ladies and girls who have stayed in the Home, it would appear that the benefits conferred by it are much appreciated.

The Home of Comfort for the Dying, "Dowrans," Victoria Grove, Southsea, is intended to meet the needs of clergy, mission, church workers, nurses, governesses, clerks, who are unable to pay fully for the nursing they require. The Home provides accommodation for twelve patients. There are several single rooms, and others contain three beds. Persons who are eligible for admission are those who are incurably ill and whose days are numbered, preference being given to cases from the diocese of Winchester.

## Reports of Meetings.

### THE COMPULSORY REGISTRATION OF MIDWIVES.

A MEETING to further this end was recently held at London House, St. James' Square. Mrs. Creighton presided, and was supported on the platform by General Sir F. Fitz Wygram, M.P.; Mr. Schwann, M.P.; Mr. Heywood Johnstone, M.P., and Mrs. Johnstone; Dr. Annie MacCall, Dr. Cullingworth, Dr. Champneys, and Dr. Humphrey. Mrs. Creighton, in her opening remarks, expressed surprise at the necessity for holding such a meeting, and said that she could not understand the reason for opposition to the registration of midwives.

The first resolution, which was proposed by Dr. Champneys, and seconded by Dr. Annie MacCall, was as follows:—

"That this meeting is convinced of the urgent necessity in the interests of the community of some measure for the registration and supervision of midwives."

After some remarks by Mrs. Charles Roundell, in the course of which she inquired why the country doctors were so opposed to the registration of midwives, Mr. George Brown, Member General Medical Council, addressed the meeting. He said, in answer to Mrs. Roundell, that medical men were acting honestly, faithfully and fearlessly in objecting to the scheme, and strongly opposed any persons, male or female, being allowed to conduct cases of midwifery unless thoroughly qualified.

The second resolution was proposed by Mr. Schwann, and seconded by Dr. Cullingworth, and was

"That this meeting warmly approves of the Bill brought into the House of Commons this year by the Midwives' Bill Committee, and would respectfully urge on Her Majesty's Government that they should forthwith take steps to facilitate its passing into law."

Mr. Schwann, in proposing the resolution, gave it as his opinion that it was most unlikely that the Bill would be passed this Session unless the Government took it under its wing. Mrs. Charles Maclaren also supported the resolution.

Sir F. W. Fitz Wygram, M.P., stated that though in favour of legislation he did not think there was any possibility of passing the Bill; he therefore laid before the meeting other measures which might be adopted. His first idea was that they might proceed by Royal Charter; the objection to that was that there was already a nurses association, the Royal British Nurses' Association, which possessed a Charter, and he had reason to believe that this

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