

Notwithstanding this the total expenditure was less by £100 IIS.

At the ordinary meeting of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, the Managers accepted the tender to erect a home for the female attendants at the Caterham Asylum. Plans were also approved for the erection of a new pavilion, to contain 28 beds, at the South-western Hospital, and for the main engineering works required in connection with the extension works now in course of progress at the Western Hospital.

Mr. A. Peckover, the Lord-lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, has proved a most generous friend to the Addenbrooke's Hospital in the past, and he has just given as a jubilee gift to the county another £1,000 towards defraying the cost of the new operating theatre at the institution. This is the third £1,000 Mr. A. Peckover has given to the same institution since he was appointed to the Lord-lieutenancy.

A site has been secured for the Central Nurses' Home for the Salford branch of the Manchester and Salford Sick Poor and Private Nursing Institution. The site is excellently suited for the purpose, and is most central and convenient.

The Committee of the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital are appealing for funds to endow 30 beds in the "John Hay Wing" of that institution. This wing, which is a greatly-needed addition to the hospital, has been given by Mrs. Hains in memory of her brother, after whom it is named. Mrs. Hains has devoted the munificent sum of £20,000 to this purpose, the interest of the balance, after the building is completed, being given to permanently endowing some of the beds. As there are to be 36 beds, however, and it is estimated that the money derived from this source will support six or seven beds only, the committee are desirous that a certain number of the remaining beds should be endowed as a permanent memorial of the Queen's Reign, and be called "The Queen Victoria Commemoration Beds." It is to be hoped that the public will generously support the good work so nobly inaugurated by Mrs. Hains.

The *Times* correspondent from Salonika writes that as a soldier, he is especially struck by the rapid strides which the Turkish organisation has made in the last few years in the matter of military railways and hospitals. The medical service is no less creditable. The main hospital at Salonika is as good as many in Europe, and has a large reserve supply of beds and medicines; the doctors are properly trained, and the ambulances well equipped and officered. A very reasonable order has just relegated all the Christian military surgeons to the depôts, while the fighting line is to be supplied with Mahomedans only. A little dysentery is the only disease from which the entire army of occupation, more than half of which has been brought from the distant provinces of Anatolia, has suffered.

Messrs. Street & Co., the well-known Advertising Agents, of 30, Cornhill, E.C., announce that, in consequence of their increasing business and for the convenience of their West End clients, they will open on Monday, April 5th, 1897, a branch establishment at 164, Piccadilly, London, W.

## The Queen and the Hospitals.

THE majority of propositions for the celebration of the longest British Reign are being conducted in the most orthodox manner. We must, however, own to a certain amount of sympathy with Mr. Bains, of Kirkby Lonsdale, in his opinion that "the best thing they could do would be to go in for a good jollification"; and we do hope that a certain amount of the enormous sums which are being subscribed to commemorate this auspicious event, will be spent in providing a feast and fun for the poor in every district. We can faintly recollect the picturesque, rural celebration at the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales; the flower-decked barns, in which villagers, old and young, were feasted, at a board groaning with honest English fare, and the sprightly dancing of more than one ancient dame with "th' squire and th' parson," which continued to the sound of fiddle and concertina from dusk till dawn. As a people, we seem to have grown more serious in the last thirty years, and it is not too early to take into consideration how we can help the poor of London to spend a really happy day on June 20th.

The Jewish community in London propose to celebrate the 60th year of the Queen's reign by erecting and endowing a home and hospital for Jewish incurables at Tottenham. A site of close upon four acres has been acquired, and accommodation will be provided for fifty patients. The scheme is expected to involve an outlay of £20,000.

Colonel Ropner, the High Sheriff of the County of Durham, has given £2,000 for the purchase of Pemberton House and Grounds, Middleton St. George, as a permanent convalescent home for working-class convalescents from Stockton and Thornaby in commemoration of the Queen's record reign. It has been desired for some time to acquire Pemberton House for the above purpose, for which it has been used temporarily, and Colonel Ropner's generous gift is much appreciated.

A public meeting was recently held in Birmingham, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor, to consider how the Queen's Diamond Jubilee could best be celebrated by that city. The scheme proposed included giving a dinner to old people, and a treat to children, providing music in the parks on the day of the Diamond Jubilee, giving £2,500 to the District Nursing Society to provide and furnish two permanent homes for nurses in the city, and also to endow a bed at the General, Queen's and Children's Hospital at a cost of £1,250 each, to be called the "Queen Victoria Commemoration Beds."

The Lord Mayor read a letter from Sir John Jaffray, warmly approving of the proposal, and saying that he would be glad to endow the bed which was to be assigned to the General Hospital. This generous offer was received with applause.

At a meeting lately held in the Council Chamber at Bristol to consider the celebration of the Queen's reign the most favoured proposal was for the erection and endowment of a convalescent home as an adjunct to the Hospital and Infirmary, at a cost of

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