

Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, junior, of the firm of Messrs. J. S. Morgan and Co., has been elected a member of the Council of the Royal National Pension Fund for Nurses.

The new Nurses' Home which is being erected behind the Leeds Infirmary is expected to be completed before the close of the year. The new building will provide accommodation for fifty-two nurses. In addition to bedrooms, there will be a recreation room, a sisters' room, a visitors' room, and a study.

At the meeting of the Metropolitan Asylums' Board, on Saturday, a motion was carried by thirty-two votes to six:—"That for the reasons set forth in the interim report of the General Purposes Sub-Committee, dated January 20th (in reference to the death of Martha Dickens), Dr. A. T. O. White, the acting medical superintendent of the Darenth Adult Asylum, be called upon to resign immediately." The deceased, it may be remembered, died at the asylum after being confined, no report having been made that she was *enceinte* until after her death.

In relation to the escape of two lunatics from the padded room at the Cambridge Military Hospital, at Aldershot, two points of importance to the public arise. Is it safe that two violent madmen should be confined in the same room? and where was the orderly, in charge of these two poor fellows, during the time in which they were able to wrench apart the iron bars of their cage, and thus escape to the great danger of the public? We have expressed the opinion on several occasions, that the organization of our military hospitals is in urgent need of reform.

Serious charges have been made against certain members of the medical staff of the Royal Hospital for Sick Children and Women, at Bristol, and it is reported that the committee appointed to investigate the matter have recommended a public inquiry. This is wise, as a policy of "hush" is always most unsatisfactory to all concerned.

At the Annual Meeting of the subscribers of the Wirral Children's Hospital, its title was changed, upon the recommendation of Dr. H. Laird Pearson, to the "Birkenhead and Wirral Children's Hospital." He said he believed that Birkenhead people did not take as keen an interest in the hospital now as they would when its title showed it to be one of the borough institutions.

The hospital annexe to the Childs-Drexel Home at Colorado Springs for broken-down union printers is now about completed. On the first floor is a dining room, several bedrooms, and a drug room. On the second floor is a room for nurses, a sewing room and the wards. The building is surrounded on the east and west by balconies, so that the sick can sit out all day in the sunshine. Part of the balconies will be enclosed in glass. The erection of the hospital annexe was decided upon at the biennial meeting of the International Typographical Union, held in that city in the fall of 1896. The necessary money was voted by the Union. There is nothing like co-operation.

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