

sent out by the India Office—and Dr. Dias, resident medical officer. There were fifteen trained English nurses, with Miss Wheatley as lady superintendent, eight hospital assistants, and four medical pupils; sixty-one ayahs and forty ward boys, worked under the English nurses; twenty-seven sweepers kept the place clean, and fifty-six police guarded the inclosure. There were also many other attendants, such as dhobies (washermen), bhisties (water carriers), peons, corpse carriers, whitewashers, and gravediggers, etc.

“Altogether up to date some 5200 patients have been treated in this huge hospital; its hugeness may be gauged by the fact that over 800 people (each patient, as a rule, had a private attendant) were daily fed by Government, necessitating the employment of fifteen cooks.

“The *Times* further remarks that these afflicted people were receiving ‘skilled nursing by no means inferior to that obtained in the great philanthropic institutions at home.’ The heavy mortality has left many orphans and widows unprovided for, and I am anxious to start a fund to help them.”

We hope such a fund will receive warm support.

We learn that the funeral of Miss Florence Eva Morgan, which took place at St. Sepulchre's Cemetery, in Poona, was a very impressive ceremony, and was numerously attended. Many wreaths of exquisite flowers were sent by the large staff of plague workers in the city, the most noticeable being a large cross in crimson blossoms, laid on the white coffin.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation of half-a-crown from M. W. for the plague patients in India. Our correspondent says: “I only wish it were a hundred times more.” If all our readers sent us a similar amount we should have a very substantial sum to place at the disposal of the sisters who are nursing the plague patients.

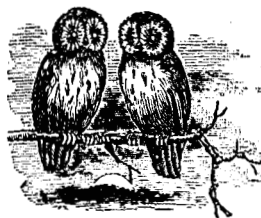
Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund.

THE following autograph letter of the Princess of Wales has been addressed to the children of the United Kingdom. The letter will doubtless bring in many contributions to the Fund, as the personal influence of the Princess of Wales with the nation can scarcely be overrated.

“It is very near to my heart that the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee should be a perfect and permanent success. I, therefore, now appeal to every child in the United Kingdom to assist him by contributing their donations, however small, to this fund for the relief of the sick and suffering. I need hardly say what real pleasure it would give both my husband and myself to know that all children were taking equally their share in this great and good work. I feel sure, too, that the blessing of God will rest upon each little child who now stretches out a willing hand to bring help and healing to the sick bed of their poor afflicted brothers and sisters.

“ALEXANDRA, PRINCESS OF WALES.”

Matrons in Council.



SOME interesting amendments to the constitution of the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools were effected at the Annual Convention at Toronto.

Article III, regarding membership, was changed, so that now there are five classes of members. (1) Active members who shall be superintendents of training schools for nurses resident in the United States and British America; (2) associate members; (3) visiting members; (4) honorary members; (5) corresponding members.

Article V. shows some changes in the rules of membership. Active membership will include members of the preliminary organization, and all past and present superintendents of training schools connected with incorporated hospitals of not less than fifty beds, giving not less than two years of training. Members shall be graduates of schools connected with hospitals of not less than fifty beds. Those eligible for associate membership shall be regularly appointed assistant superintendents of training schools for nurses. Visiting members shall be graduates of schools whose superintendents are eligible for full membership who may be in charge of hospitals of twenty-five beds. Boards of managers of training schools for nurses, and trustees of hospitals, and others who have shown special interest in nursing work, or who have rendered signal service in promoting the interests of nursing, shall be eligible for honorary membership. Trained nurses who are not residents of America may be corresponding members.

Twelve Superintendents were admitted to full membership; nine as visiting members, and two as associate members. The officers for 1898-99 were elected as follows:—Miss McIsaac, Illinois Training School, Chicago, President; Miss Snively, Toronto General Hospital, Vice-President; Miss Dock, Harrisburg, Pa., Secretary; Miss Drown, Boston City Hospital, Treasurer; Miss Nutting, Johns Hopkins, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Hunter Robb, Cleveland, new councillors; Miss Allerton, Rochester Homoeopathic Hospital.

We hope, shortly, to print some of the most interesting papers read at the Annual Convention of American Superintendents at Toronto. The States and Canada are, we think, to be congratulated that they have, as the heads of their nurse training schools, women so capable, so conversant with the needs of their profession, and so well qualified to explain publicly these needs, as the members of the American Society of Superintendents have proved themselves.

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