

scribed £12,773 15s. Pages 33-36 show that "Members" subscribed £1,621 15s. Pages 36-39 show that "Other Contributors" gave £875 15s. 6d. We imagine that those three sums added together amount to £15,271 5s. 6d. We, in fact, as is our invariable custom, understated the figures. Mr. Almond Hind asserts that we have made a misstatement. We call upon him to explain whether, and if so why, he has attempted to deceive our readers; or why, if he is correct, the published report of the Home Hospitals Association for 1886, falsified the figures therein given. Either the Honorary Secretary—who, by the way, signed the Report from which we quote—stated what was not true in print in May, 1887, or he has stated what is not true in May, 1898. For his own sake, we will afford him as much space as he desires, in these columns, to explain the discrepancy in his utterances then, and now.

2.—Mr. Almond Hind objects to our remark as to the reason for the inauguration of Fitzroy House. We will quote again from the Report to which we have already alluded. "It is the wish of the committee that the hospital should be a home in sickness for those more particularly whose means render them inadmissible to the general hospitals as free patients, but who, from the smallness of their incomes, are not in a position to secure at their own homes the requisite care in nursing in time of sickness. The committee therefore hope as soon as the existing debt on the hospital has been liquidated to make a sensible reduction in the charge of some of the rooms." Those words are signed on behalf of the committee by T. Almond Hind, Hon. Secretary. In other words, we practically quoted Mr. T. Almond Hind's own words; and that he should now regard those words as "a misstatement" we feel bound to confess does not impress us favourably.

3.—We did not allude to the extension of Fitzroy House because it had nothing to do with our argument. The receipts and expenditure, the number of patients, and the medical practitioners who attended the home, have nothing to do with our argument. We simply pointed out that the public subscribed £15,000 in response to Mr. Burdett's appeal for a middle class home hospital, and that ten years later, in spite of profits, some £9,000 had disappeared. We ask Mr. T. Almond Hind to inform the public, though our medium, what were the reasons for this strange deficit.

4.—We say, that inasmuch as Fitzroy House was founded by charity, those who accept its benefits are accepting charity; and that this is a fact which has, we believe, been kept from the knowledge of those persons who enter its walls for treatment. We contend that Fitzroy House has only paid its way, and made a profit, by charging for its first and second floor rooms at the ordinary prices of a Nursing Home—not started by charity, but worked as a commercial speculation. And we

therefore say again, as we have said before, that a Middle-Class Hospital, that is to say an institution conducted for those of the middle-class who cannot afford to pay the charges of ordinary nursing homes, has, in the case of Fitzroy House, been tried with every prospect of success, and has failed to effect its ostensible object.

We trust that Mr. Almond Hind will not again introduce irrelevant questions, but will explain the discrepancies to which we have drawn his attention, and prove, if he can do so, that our facts or our conclusions are in the slightest degree erroneous.

Our Foreign Letter.

NEWS FROM CAIRO.



ON Friday, April 29th, an interesting scene was enacted at the Continental Hotel, Cairo, when the past and present members of the staff of the

Hospital of Kasr el Aini met together to present some small tokens of their love and esteem to Mr. Herbert Milton, who, for fourteen years has held the post of Principal Medical Officer at Kasr el Aini. Mr. and Mrs. Milton were the guests at dinner of the Doctors and English Sisters. Mr. George Nungovich, the proprietor of the hotel had provided an excellent repast, and the table was very prettily decorated with roses and carnations. Covers were laid for eighteen persons, amongst whom were Sidky Pacha and Ibrahim Pacha Hassan, the head of the Schools. The only after-dinner speech was Sidky Pacha's. He spoke warmly of Mr. Milton's work, and concluded by proposing the health of the doctor and his wife. Mrs. Milton, who wore a dress of black and red, was presented by the Sisters with a pretty bouquet of red geraniums and white lilies. The band of the Hussars played on the balcony during dinner, and afterwards at the reception, which was held in the large hall of the hotel, where as many as possible of those who had been in any way connected with the hospital met together to do honour to a man who has won the respect and esteem of all those who have ever worked with him.

Mr. Milton's assistant in the administration of the Hospital, Dr. Ali Effendi Labeel, who was a student in the Schools fourteen years ago and has gradually worked his way up to his present position, made a long speech in Arabic in which he spoke of the many reforms which he had seen carried out in the building. Then, on behalf of the Doctors, Sisters, and Clerks, he presented Mr. Milton with a gold repeater watch and chain, and a large photo of the staff taken in the Hospital Square by Lekegian. It was mounted in a very pretty silver frame, with H. M. and the date engraved on it.

Ali Effendi was followed by Dr. Bayonmi Effendi Fathe, assistant oculist, who, in graceful Arabic and with energetic gestures, spoke of the many years of

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