

Australian gentleman settled in this country. They will be fitted with an apparatus which will force ice-cooled air into the theatre during the hot weather and warmed, ventilated air during the winter months, the pressure being such that under all circumstances there will be a current of air passing from the interior outwards, carrying off any septic impurity in the atmosphere.

During the quarter the number of patients discharged cured had been 1,305; discharged relieved 1,147, and died 272—a total of 2,724. There were in the wards that day 668 patients, and the largest number since the last general court was 691. The out-patients in the quarter numbered 15,689, and the dental and minor casualties numbered 37,830.

The Lord Mayor was elected vice-president, and the Lady Mayoress a life governor, in recognition of their efforts in aid of the funds.

Visits had been made to the hospital by Sir Savile Crossley and Dr. Church on behalf of the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund, and these gentlemen expressed their satisfaction with the state of the hospital.

The annual dinner of the past and present students of Charing Cross Hospital Medical School will be held in the Venetian Chamber of the Holborn Restaurant, on Thursday, October 6th. The Chair will be taken by Dr. William Carter, of Liverpool, and Professor Virchow will be the guest of the evening.

At the meeting of the Poplar Board of Guardians it was decided, in view of complaints which have been made as to the treatment of patients in lunatic asylums, that all institutions in which persons chargeable to the Union are maintained be visited from time to time by Committees of the Board.

We hope some women guardians will share this work, they would observe much from a domestic standpoint, which might escape the masculine eye.

A curious position of affairs has arisen at the workhouse at Wisbech, Cambridgeshire. A short time ago Mr. Stanley Bimrose (son of the Spalding workhouse master) was appointed master of the Wisbech Workhouse, on the understanding that in the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of matron at that institution he would resign, so that the guardians might appoint a married couple as master and matron. The matron has now resigned, and the guardians have intimated to the master that, in the event of his marrying within a month, they will re-appoint him master and his wife matron, but otherwise he must retire. The workhouse master has decided in favour of matrimony. Wives would appear to be cheap in the fens!

A movement is on foot to provide a soldiers' institute at Cairo, and it certainly seems that there is a need for it. It is suggested that this would be a more useful memorial to General Gordon than a hospital or church in Khartoum. It is reported, that soldiers in Cairo

fare very badly, lead monotonous lives, and are liable to get into trouble. This suggestion to build an institute where they can meet, free from all the temptations that surround them in the city, is most admirable.

The Annual Report of Bolingbroke House, Wandsworth Common, S.W., shows that during 1897, 300 patients were treated in the hospital. The hospital was originally a private house, which, about seventeen years ago, was bought by Canon Erskine Clark, the vicar of Battersea, and, fitted us a self-supporting hospital. Canon Erskine Clarke's generosity to schemes in which he is interested, is well known, and probably no home hospital for the middle classes was ever started under brighter auspices. Last year Bolingbroke Hospital was incorporated, and put on a permanent footing as a home hospital, and a free accident hospital. The fact that the Committee are making an earnest appeal for financial support, and that the report shows that the total ordinary expenditure was £3,184 last year, while the in-patients payments only amounted to £981, is a proof of the impossibility of making a home hospital, on these lines, self-supporting.

The oldest Pensioner on the books of the British Home for Incurables has recently died. Miss Martha Cox having been elected in 1861, when the Charity was founded, has received no less a sum than £740 from the Institution.

The Congress of the Sanitary Institute will be held at Birmingham from September 27th to October 1st, inclusive, and every preparation is being made to render the reception given to Congress worthy of the capital of the Midlands, which has a name for doing things thoroughly. The arrangements include the reception of the Members of the Congress by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, an inaugural address by Sir Joseph Fayrer, the Health Exhibition in Bingley Hall, sectional meetings, a closing general meeting, and a popular lecture in the Midland Institute. There will be various social functions. Opportunities for visiting the factories in the town, and many places of interest which surround Birmingham are also arranged. We are glad to see that a ladies' committee has been formed to deal with the department of Domestic Hygiene.

The Meetings of the British Association, at Bristol, have been full of interest. The Presidential address of Sir William Crookes was most able. Then M. de Rougemont made a great sensation, and two papers, read by ladies, were well received—that by Mrs. Bishop, on the "Yang tse Valley," and one by Miss Ethel R. Farady, M.A. (Victoria University), on "Some Economic Aspects of the Imperial Idea"; indeed, Miss Farady's paper was generally conceded to be one of the ablest read to the section.

The new operating theatre of the Swansea Hospital, which is now approaching completion, will be opened by Sir William MacCormac, Bart., President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, in October. The operating theatre has been presented by Mr. Ben Evans, and is constructed according to the most approved principles.

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