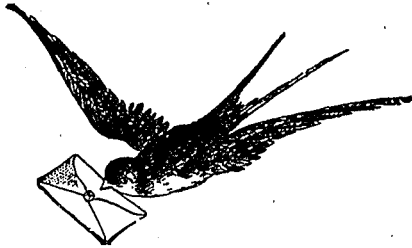


## Our Foreign Letter.

FROM SYDNEY.



THE Annual Meeting, at which His Excellency the Governor presided, was held at the Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, on Friday, February 17th.

Lord Hampden was accompanied by the Vicountess Hampden, the Hon. Alice Brand, and Major the Hon. Bryan.

The meeting was held in the Nurses' Dining Hall, which was filled to overflowing. On the platform were the Vice-Regal party, Dr. MacLaurin (Chancellor of the University), and the Directors of the Hospital.

Professor Wilson (Honorary Secretary) made special mention in his report of the late Sir Alfred Roberts, who had done so much for the Hospital from its very inception. For many years he devoted the greater part of his time to the Hospital, his last work in connection with it being the new operating theatre, which is constructed on the most modern principle. Henceforth this theatre is to be named after him, and known as the "Alfred Roberts Theatre."

Professor Wilson referred to the inadequate accommodation for patients, and pointed out the urgent need for the completion of the hospital. The Governor also referred to the building of two additional pavilions, and hoped, in the near future, to hear of their erection.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Viscountess Hampden presented the prizes to the nurses. The prizes consisted of medical and poetical works; these the successful nurses were allowed to select, and, when their choice was made, the hospital seal was stamped in gold on the outside of the cover. The distribution being over, afternoon tea was served in the Sisters and Nurses' Sitting Rooms, which were looking extra pretty, owing to the profusion of beautiful flowers which the Directors and other friends sent for the occasion.

Many of the visitors availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting the wards, and expressed themselves very pleased with their afternoon tea at the Hospital.

It was with much regret that we said good-bye to the Governor, Lady Hampden and their daughters, who are soon leaving the Colony. Ever since their arrival here, they have taken an interest in the Hospital, and were ever ready to help when required.

### TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

PRINCE ALFRED HOSPITAL, SYDNEY.

At the recent examinations 39 Probationers and Nurses entered, of these there were 14 Probationers, 14 Junior Nurses, and 11 Nurses.

The following obtained prizes:—3rd year 1st prize, Nurse Thurlow (prize given by Lady Knox); 3rd year 2nd prize, Nurse Matchett (prize given by Mrs. J. T. Walker); 2nd year 1st prize, Nurse Hayley (prize given by Mrs. J. T. Wilson); 2nd year 2nd prize, Nurse Phillips (prize given by Mrs. J. S. Mitchell).

Special prizes in 2nd year:—For general ward work, Nurse Hayley (prize given by Mrs. Scot-Skirving); for bedmaking, Nurse Bradford (prize given by Mrs. J. Keep); for bedmaking, Nurse Somerville (prize given by Mrs. M. Harris, Mayoress of Sydney); for bandaging, Nurse Bradford (prize given by Lady Fairfax).

1st year 1st prize, Probationer Scobie (prize given by Mrs. Kater); 1st year 2nd prize, Probationer Page (prize given by Miss M. Harris).

Special prizes in 1st year:—For invalid cookery, Probationer White (prize given by Mrs. J. S. Mitchell); for invalid cookery, Probationer Barber (prize given by Mrs. T. J. Thompson).

Our readers will, we feel sure, read with much interest the foregoing account of the work done in the Training School of this progressive hospital during the past year.

## Items of Interest.

*St. Bartholomew's Hospital Gazette* is the most dignified of the students' journals, but occasionally it condescends to be amusing: for instance, the following extract from a letter from a correspondent, who writes from New Zealand, is worth quoting:—

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| Been to see people .. .. .                                  | 1350 |
| Been asked what was the matter .. .. .                      | 4000 |
| Told .. .. .  | 50   |
| Did not know .. .. .  | 2000 |
| Romanced about it .. .. .                                   | 1950 |
| Major operations .. .. .                                    | 0    |
| Minor operations .. .. .                                    | 25   |
| Successful .. .. .  | 25   |
| Had acute arthritis following dysentery .. .. .             | 1    |
| Want to have it again .. .. .                               | 0    |
| Asked out to tea, etc., in order to get free advice .. .. . | 9    |
| Went .. .. .  | 0    |
| Going again .. .. .   | 0    |
| Given chloroform .. .. .                                    | 7    |
| Going to give it again .. .. .                              | 0    |
| Given ether .. .. .   | 27   |
| Given valuable advice .. .. .                               | 1350 |
| Been thanked for it .. .. .                                 | 12   |
| Asked to consultation .. .. .                               | 15   |
| Advice taken .. .. .  | 0    |
| Gave to South Sea Missions .. .. .                          | 5s.  |
| Gave for a dog .. .. .                                      | £1   |
| Cash in hand .. .. .  | 0    |

According to "*La Suisse*," a number of leading physicians and scientists of Munich are now studying the unique case of a young man named Schwartz, who is suffering from a kind of ossification of the muscles. He has suffered from it for years, and his back has now become quite rigid and presents the appearance of a statue, the muscles standing out hard and immovable. His jaws also are fixed, and it has been found necessary to extract four teeth to allow a tube to be inserted for the purpose of feeding the patient. Mr. Schwartz is married to a young Berlin lady, who appears not to have been afraid of marrying so hard a man.

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