

seaside branch at Bognor were deeply grateful that their donkey was secured to them for another year.

At the fifty-first Annual Meeting of the Governors of The Cancer Hospital, Fulham Road, held on the 26th ult., Dr. Alexander Marsden stated from the chair that the committee had decided to greatly enlarge the pathological department, for they felt that it was the wish of every supporter of the charity that the Cancer Hospital should be in the forefront of all advancements toward the solution of mysteries surrounding the cause and cure of the disease. An extra expenditure of £600 per annum was all that was anticipated to carry out the scheme, and the chairman earnestly appealed for the funds to enable the committee to put their scheme into practice. Reference was made to the very generous donation of £1,000 London and North-Western Railway 3 per cent Debenture Stock from the Right Hon. Sir Massey Lopes, for the purpose of starting a Chaplain's Stipend Endowment Fund, so as to procure more spiritual attention for the patients than could be provided out of the general funds.

The Board of management of the National Hospital, Queen's Square, recently appointed Mr. Thomas Kirby, now secretary of the Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester, to be secretary in succession to Mr. Burford Rawlings.

The voluntary offerings of the Church of England have in one year amounted to £7,778,134.

This enormous total has been gleaned from the returns of 13,766 incumbents and the authorised statements of income of the officials of the Diocesan and Central Societies. The figures just issued apply to the year ending Easter, 1901. For general purposes £2,235,741 was subscribed, and for parochial purposes £5,542,393.

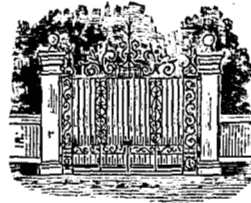
For home missions £609,488 was given, for foreign £824,037, and for philanthropic work £505,040. The parochial clergy received £828,684, elementary education £1,170,390, and general parochial purposes £3,543,318.

The Secretary of the Infirmary, Southport, kindly informs us that the following ladies have been elected members of the Infirmary Committee:—Mrs. Foard, Mrs. E. J. Rimmer, Mrs. Thew, Mrs. Henry Taylor, Mrs. Scarisbrick, and Mrs. James Wood. We have no doubt that the Southport Infirmary will benefit by these appointments, for the prestige of a hospital, and the comfort of the patients depend largely upon the efficiency of the domestic management, and every committee is the gainer by the assistance of women in an administrative capacity.

The Committee of Management of the Ingham Infirmary and South Shields and Westoe Dispensary are to be congratulated on the satisfactory condition of its finances. The cost of administration and maintenance was last year £3,176, and the Committee report that they have been able to meet the expenditure out of the year's revenue, and to carry forward the sum of £86 19s. 3d. as the net result of the year's working. The time is passing for it to be considered legitimate for public institutions to be chronically in debt, and those which pay their way are increasingly securing the confidence of the public.

## Outside the Gates.

### WOMEN.



The third birthday of the Society of American Women in London was celebrated in the most festive manner at Prince's on Monday. Mrs. Hugh Reid Griffin, the President, just home from the States, received 100 members and their guests in the beautiful rooms of the Society, amongst them a dozen guests of honour—the Presidents of representative societies of women workers. Luncheon was served at 1.30, Mrs. Griffin presiding, and having on either side of her Lady Battersea, President of the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland; Lady Hamilton, of the "Pioneer"; Hon. Mrs. Bertrand Russell, World's Women's Temperance Union; Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, International Council of Nurses; Miss Fanny Brough, Theatrical Ladies' Guild; Miss Una Saunders, Indian Women's University Settlements; Miss Wilkinson, County Council Landscape Gardening; Mrs. Ormiston Chant, Mrs. Webster Glynes, and many others. The hospitality was graceful, the welcome most kind. The table was beautifully decorated with a wealth of mimosa, pink-flecked tulips and smilax. How eloquent and elegant these American women are, one wonders at them anew every time one finds oneself in their charming company, indeed, the remark made by Lady Battersea in her witty speech, that American women have solved the problem of doing public work and retaining their womanly charm is quite true. How they accomplish it is their own special secret.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick warmly thanked the Society of American Women for their invariable courtesy to, and their appreciation of, the nursing profession, and—in referring to the practical aims of the Society of which she is President—said that, although a consultative body, it was giving whole-hearted support to the aspirations of trained nurses to obtain legal status, and raise nursing to a liberal profession for women. Each of the American States were organizing for the purpose, and the new Society just formed in England, to obtain State Registration for trained nurses, had that morning received the acceptance of the Presidency by Miss Louisa Stevenson, a member of the Board of Management of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, and a Vice President of the National Union of Women of Great Britain and Ireland, a lady whose public work for education and humanity placed her amongst the recognised leaders of women all the world over.

Mrs. Ormiston Chant spoke on America, and expressed in the most exquisite language the debt of gratitude the world owes to the progressive and powerful work of its women. Every speaker wished the society many, many happy returns of the day, and the memorable gathering sang in unison a verse of "America" and "God Save the King," before parting with mutual regret.

There was a "new woman" movement 1,000 years ago among the Mahometans of Spain, which

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