

years ago was recompensed with £500. Dr. Dimsdale, for his journey to St. Petersburg and vaccination of the Empress Catherine II., received £10,000 as his fee, £5,000 for travelling expenses, and a life pension of £500 a year.

The Committee of the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, City Road, call attention to the very grave financial position of that institution. The hospital will require about £12,300 for this year's expenditure. The only assured income is from annual subscriptions, at present £1,296, King Edward's Hospital Fund, conditional grant for extra beds, £900, and a trust fund which will bring in £222. The grants from the three hospital funds for London amounted to £2,067 in the past year. Should these grants be the same in 1902 the income from the above sources will amount to £4,485, leaving a sum of about £8,000 to be still obtained. The Committee were only able to keep the hospital open during the past year by a loan of £5,000. This exceptional help cannot be again obtained, and it is therefore absolutely necessary to appeal for further annual subscriptions and donations to carry on the work of the oldest and largest eye hospital in Great Britain. Unless the Committee receive support from the public they fear that they will be compelled to close the hospital, which last year relieved 31,258 out-patients, involving 100,673 attendances, and 1,866 in-patients.

At a meeting of the weekly Board of the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary a letter was read from the President, Mr. A. Leslie Wright, of Butterley Hall, enclosing a cheque for £500 as a donation to the funds of the institution. The Board passed a cordial vote of thanks to the President for his generous help.

The new workhouse hospital at Sunderland, which has been erected by the Guardians at a total cost of £40,000, has been formally opened by Councillor Robert Punshon, Chairman of the Board, in the presence of a large gathering. The new hospital is situated in the workhouse grounds, and is one of the most complete and up-to-date institutions of its kind in the country.

A donation of the handsome sum of £500 has just been sent anonymously to the Chichester Infirmary.

An appeal is issued on behalf of the St. Barnabas' Home of Rest for Working Gentlewomen, Southwold, the work of which is at present greatly crippled owing to lack of room. By purchasing the adjoining house accommodation would be provided for twenty-five visitors in place of nine as at present, but for this purpose a sum of £1,200 is needed. The owner is willing to allow £900 to remain on mortgage, and an appeal is made for £400 towards buying and furnishing the house. Inquiries and contributions should be addressed to Mrs. Sidney Geaves, 28, Norfolk Square, Hyde Park, or to the Hon. Lady Superintendent at the Home, Southwold.

Miss C. A. Bennett, M.B., Ch.B., third daughter of Mr. Andrew Bennett, solicitor, Arbroath, has just been appointed resident medical officer in Drumcondra Hospital, Dublin. Miss Bennett received her early education in the Arbroath High School, afterwards going to St. Andrews and Edinburgh Universities, where she always took a high place in her class.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.

Lord Ronald Sutherland Gower makes an excellent suggestion that Queen Victoria's National Memorial in London should also do honour to the great men of her reign, and suggests that either in statues or in bas-reliefs the greatest thinkers and workers should be represented, say in groupings of Statesmen, Men of Science, Authors, Artists, and Navy and Army.

We are glad to see illustrious combatants for once taking their rightful place at the end instead of heading the list of the illustrious, and also that, "not to leave out the women of the reign, Grace Darling, as personifying the devotion to self-sacrifice of the sex; George Eliot, as the greatest woman writer of the reign; Helen Faucit, authoress and actress; and Florence Nightingale, the type of the woman of mercy and devotion to the sick and suffering," are recommended as worthy of a nation's honour and gratitude. Let us hope that Lord Ronald's suggestions may find favour with the King and the Memorial Committee. Warriors on prancing war horses become somewhat monotonous by way of metropolitan decoration, and only a little less inartistic and tiresome than speedily forgotten politicians in clumsy frock coats.

It seems almost the irony of fate that the grandiose schemes of Mr. Rhodes in African Empire building are at a standstill owing to the scarcity of mere woman, and it has been decided by his executors to erect a permanent hostel on Groot Schuur in aid of women's immigration. The hostel is to act as a base for the whole of South Africa. We hope every British woman who goes out to Africa will realise the vital importance of one of the wisest remarks ever made by Mr. Rhodes, "*The vote covers all*," and demand an early settlement of the registration question whereby she shall be granted the full privilege of citizenship by Parliamentary enfranchisement. It is all nonsense attempting to build up effective self-governing colonies, in these days when the status of the mother is inferior—as it is in Great Britain—to male criminals, paupers, and released lunatics.

It is held by some that drunkenness would be less prevalent than it is were the penalty for it made more severe. That, at all events, seems to be the conclusion of some of the magistrates in Scotland. One at Leith, in sentencing a woman offender the other day, said:—

"He had little sympathy with drunkenness in any circumstances, but he certainly had none for a drunken woman. Women had the rearing and the training of the young, yet they were responsible for much of the crime and the poverty, and for many of the miserable, wretched homes, both here and elsewhere. He was very pleased to see in the Press lately that the Glasgow magistrates, following the lead set by Leith a few weeks ago, had made up their minds to inflict the full penalty for that class of crime in future."

Well, that may be all right enough, but it is to be hoped that the drunken men will be similarly dealt with. The idea that a man who gets drunk and makes himself an unmitigated nuisance to everybody about him should be treated in a good-natured, kindly sort of way is still far too prevalent.

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