

ber of patients treated during the year 1890 to have been 30,205, viz., 2,138 in-patients, 17,263 out-patients, and 10,804 casualties. An exceptional strain had been placed upon the resources of the Institution early in the year, owing to the great influx of patients suffering from influenza. The difficulty was much increased by the large numbers of the Staff and Nurses who were affected and disabled by the same complaint, but by the energetic efforts of the whole Staff, the difficulty had been surmounted. The association of the Hospital with the London School of Medicine for Women continued, to the advantage of both Institutions. There were 115 students attending the School and Hospital, of whom thirty-four had entered at the commencement of the winter session 1890-91. The total ordinary receipts for the year had been £6,048 17s., and the legacies amounted to £6,855 14s. The expenditure for the year had been £10,671 17s. 4d., showing a small increase as compared with the previous year, due to the increased cost of many articles of ordinary consumption. A successful effort had been made to reduce the consumption of alcohol, and it was hoped to still further diminish it. The report having been carried, Mrs. Thorne moved a vote of thanks to the Committee for the effective discharge of their duties during the year, and also to Mr. Edward Masterman for his valuable services as Treasurer. The Committee of Management for the ensuing year, and also a Special Finance Committee, were then elected, after which the Chairman presented Mr. F. J. Gant with an illuminated address on his retirement from the position of Senior Surgeon, after thirty-seven years spent in the service of the Hospital. A suitable reply was made by Mr. Gant. A resolution was passed for the appointment of a Ladies' Visiting Committee; and votes of thanks having been passed to the various officers of the Hospital, the proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

THE votes and interest of the governors and subscribers of the Asylum for Idiots, Earlswood, Redhill, Surrey, are earnestly solicited on behalf of Mary Adelaide Matkin, aged nine years. Her father, J. Matkin, residing at 34, Burton Road, Lincoln, is a joiner, and has twelve children (ages from twenty-one years to four months), six of whom are wholly dependent upon him. M. A. Matkin cannot talk, and is quite incapable of being educated in her present surroundings, although hopes of improvement are entertained, should she be elected. The case is strongly recommended by:—The Rev. Canon Venables, Precentor of Lincoln; the Rev. Canon Leeke, Chancellor of Lincoln; the Rev. Canon Clements,

Sub-dean of Lincoln; the Rev. Arthur Cooper, Rector of St. Paul's, Lincoln; G. Mitchinson, Esq., M.D., Lincoln; A. P. Russell, Esq., M.D., The Lawn, Lincoln. Proxies will be thankfully received by Miss Helen Clements, The Sub-Deanery, Lincoln. I should be glad if my readers would do what they could towards assisting in this case.

NURSE EDITH, the successful candidate in the Twelfth Post-card Examination Competition, has chosen for her prize "Randolph Caldecott's Sketches," two shillings and sixpence, with an introduction by Henry Blackburn, and "Shakespeare's Songs and Sonnets," both very pretty and interesting books.

I AM glad to hear, on good authority, the question of a badge has been considered by the Executive Committee of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and that the opinion of the members is to be individually asked on the subject. This is very wise, because there are some of course who object to the idea very strongly, and as it is an important step to take, and quite a new departure, it is only right that the entire decision should rest in the hands of the members. It is reported that the question will be placed before this wide constituency through the medium of the forthcoming issue of the quarterly magazine of the Association. I hear that this organ of the R.B.N.A. is to be called "The Nurses' Journal," and that it will be issued in February, May, August, and November, while it exists in its quarterly form. There is naturally a good deal of curiosity felt and expressed as to the style and contents of the Magazine, but it is generally believed that it will prove to be yet another of the successes of the Association.

THERE is much excitement in artistic and fashionable circles over the *Tableaux Vivants* which are to be given at the end of next week, by the kind permission of Mrs. Frederick Beer, at her house in Chesterfield Gardens, and which are being arranged by Mrs. Bancroft. It is well known that Mrs. Bancroft has often refused to take part in any theatricals since she left the stage, but on this occasion I hear that she will herself take a prominent part in the tableaux. The performances are being given under the immediate patronage of Her Majesty the Queen, and on behalf of the Holiday House for Nurses, and another charity, of which H.R.H. Princess Christian is President.

*Apropos* of the former scheme, I am told on good authority that the charming house which the Committee has bought in Brighton is being greatly improved and redecorated, and will pro-

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