

the Nursing Department of the Hospital to which he belongs is held by the public, I commend to his notice the balance-sheet in the Report of the Hospital for 1891.

MR. RICHARD CADBURY'S present of Moseley Hall (his own residence) to the town of Birmingham as a sanatorium was formally made on Saturday, and a large number of influential ladies and gentlemen were present by invitation to witness the ceremony. The hall has been fitted up at the outset with cots for fifty children, twenty of which are reserved for convalescents from the Children's Hospital; but when it is completely furnished it will hold a hundred cots. The purchase of the hall and about an acre of ground, together with alterations necessary, will have cost Mr. CADBURY something like £30,000.

THE Bristol Hospital for Sick Children and Women has just celebrated the completion of its first quarter of a century of existence. The HIGH SHERIFF presided at the annual meeting, when the report gave a *resumé* of the labours of the twenty-five years during which the good work has been carried on, under the never-failing efforts of its president, Mr. MARK WHITNILL. The loss which the Institution has met in the recent death of the late Mrs. WHITNILL was referred to in a few touching words by the SHERIFF. The figures of the report show that the number of cots has increased from the six with which the Hospital opened to one hundred, and the patients of the first five years have increased from two thousand to over four thousand children in-patients, and fifty-eight thousand out-patients, in the last five years, besides a large number of women.

A MOST important meeting of the General Practitioners' Alliance was held on Tuesday afternoon, at Exeter Hall, to consider the Draft Charter for the Royal British Nurses' Association. The President, Mr. GEORGE BROWN, took the chair. Dr. EADY proposed, and Dr. ALDERSON seconded the following resolution, and after considerable discussion—in which every speaker pointed out the danger to which the sick are at present liable and the urgent necessity of some measure of reform—it was carried without one single dissentient and with much applause: "That this meeting of the General Practitioners' Alliance considers that the Registration of Trained Nurses is a measure which is calculated

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to protect the sick against untrustworthy Nurses, and will be of much advantage to medical men, by affording them ready and reliable information as to the training and experience which Nurses have received. This meeting, therefore, believes that it would be for the public welfare that the Royal British Nurses' Association should be incorporated by Royal Charter, and requests the President of the Alliance to forward a copy of the resolution to the Lord President of the Privy Council."

THE importance of this authoritative expression of opinion by the general medical practitioners' special organisation cannot be minimised. They are the men who have most to do with Nurses, and who, therefore, have felt most keenly the need of some protection for the public. Dr. ALDERSON, I see by the report of the meeting, told how a Nurse, who had, to his knowledge, been imprisoned for theft, had the effrontery to call upon him when she left prison, and ask him to recommend her amongst his patients. Doubtless, upon any previous issues from gaol, she had had no difficulty in getting fresh work, and doubtless, if she is not in prison again now, she is pursuing her predatory career in connection with some Institution.

SOME person, we learn, is applying to various ladies associated with Nursing work for pecuniary assistance, and mentions that he has been employed as a contributor to this Journal. The Editor desires me to state that he knows nothing whatever of the applicant, and that he would advise those who may be appealed to for assistance, to refuse to comply with the request. S. G.

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