

but a certain proportion of toys were reserved for the juvenile out-patients of the Institution. Since the last Christmas fête, the floors of all the Wards have been relaid with teak, according to the practice adopted in the principal general Hospitals; and I am told that the Nurses, past and present, have borne the expense, so far as one Ward is concerned, of this most valuable improvement. The Hospital has for long held, considering its size, a very high position in the estimation of the Nursing world, chiefly on account of the high respect in which its Lady Superintendent, Miss Cross, is universally held. S. G.

THIS WEEK'S VACANCIES.

- Bootle Borough Hospital, Bootle-cum-Linacre.* Matron. Salary, £50, with board and washing. Apply to the Hon. Sec. by 14th January, 1889.
- Gateshead Children's Hospital.* Matron. Salary, £35. Apply to Hon. Sec., 12, West Street, Gateshead, by 7th January.
- Metropolitan Asylums Board, Darent's Asylum for Imbeciles.* Matron. Salary, £100, with board, furnished apartments, and washing. Apply, by 4 o'clock p.m., on Monday, 14th January, to W. F. Jebb, Esq., Norfolk House, Norfolk Street, Strand.
- Southend Victoria Hospital.* Nurse Matron. Salary, £30, and Laundress. Apply to Mr. Gregson, Hon. Sec., Southend, Essex, by Thursday morning, 10th January.
- Ladies' Charity and Lying-in Hospital, Brownlow Hill, Liverpool.* Assistant Matron. Apply to the Secretary.
- Swansea Hospital.* Charge Nurse for Female Wards. Salary, £22, rising to £26; uniform, and laundry. Apply to the Matron.
- Alcester Union.* Female Nurse. Salary, £25, rations, and apartments, and £2 10s. in lieu of beer. Apply by Monday, 14th January, to S. A. Gothard, Esq., Clerk to the Guardians, Alcester.
- Bedford Nursing Institute.* Nurses (two). Salary, £24, uniform, and all found. Apply to Lady Superintendent, 45, Harpur Street, Bedford.
- Bicester.* Private and District Nurse. Apply to Mrs. Tabb, Bicester House, Bicester.
- Kensington District Nursing Association.* Nurse for District work. Must be a gentlewoman. Salary, £35, rising £3 per annum to £50; board, uniform, and laundry. Apply to Superintendent, 1, Bedford Gardens, Kensington.
- Ladies' Hot Baths, Buxton.* Head Attendant. Must understand massage. Applications to Devonshire Offices, Buxton.
- National Hospital, Queen Square, W.C.* Paying Probationers. 21s. per week. Apply to Lady Superintendent between 10 and 12 noon.

WHAT so pleasant as to be reading a book through a long winter evening with a friend sitting by, he or she, too, reading another, without interruption or oral communication? Can there be no sympathy without the gabble of words? Away with this inhuman, shy, single, shade and cavern-hunting solitariness. Give us a sympathetic solitude.

HOSPITAL INTELLIGENCE.

REPORTS OF INSTITUTIONS, ETC., COMMUNICATED AND COLLECTED.

THE delegates from the four benevolent societies in Chelsea have pledged themselves to recommend to their respective societies, that a combined subscription of £50 per annum be voted in aid of the proposed scheme for Nursing the poor in Chelsea and Pimlico. We wish this work hearty success. The Rev. F. E. C. Byng, Vicar of St. Peter's, Cranley Gardens, will gladly welcome all help of a financial character.

DR. MORGAN, in introducing the Mayor, at the opening of the Sunderland Nursing Institute, said "the committee had asked him to say a few words regarding the objects of the Institution, and what had led to its formation. They felt in Sunderland the need for an Institution of the kind. They had hitherto been dependent for a supply of Nurses from Newcastle and Leeds. There were constantly engaged in Sunderland from ten to twelve Nurses from those places, and they wanted to have their own means of supplying Trained and skilled Nurses. They also wanted Nursing for the Poor, to teach and help them in their homes, as they needed it even more than did the more leisurely classes. It was a part of the committee's scheme that a certain proportion of the Nurses should be devoted to District Nursing. Wherever the scheme had been tried it had been a great success. It had brought light and comfort into homes of misery and sickness, and the committee wished it to be emphasised that the Nursing of the Poor was to be one of their most important objects. When it was first mentioned the enthusiasm quickly spread, but the acquisition of premises was a matter of great difficulty. But the committee overcame it through the liberality of Mrs. Backhouse. He did not think that if the house had been built for them they would have more completely supplied their needs." We shall hope for a report of the work done by this useful and much needed Institution in due course.

THE boys at the Nicholls Hospital, Manchester, celebrated the anniversary of the foundation of the Institution recently, when they gave the usual entertainment, and received at the hands of Alderman Hopkinson the prizes gained during the past year. There was, as usual, a very large muster of parents and friends of the youths, as well as a good company of invited guests, who were allowed the privilege of inspecting the dormitories, and other places of interest in the Hospital.

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