

lodging house division has been in the ascendant. To over three hundred women who passed through the House as lodgers, there have only been a couple of Nurses, who were sent out from England to work, and whose services have been much appreciated."

MISS CLARA BARTON, President of the American Red Cross Association, has returned to Washington from a visit to Jacksonville, where she journeyed upon receipt of piteous appeals from Nurses, who—having been rendering good service in that vicinity during the yellow fever epidemic—alleged that the persons who called them into the field had declined to pay them; and as Miss Barton had, some time ago, paid every Nurse engaged by the Red Cross Association, those who were otherwise pressed into the service, naturally desiring to be compensated for their work, appealed to her for help. Upon their just demands being made known to her, Miss Barton took immediate steps to relieve their immediate wants, irrespective of the persons who had engaged them. The result was a personal visit to the Nurses, and the disbursement among them of several thousand dollars.

THE *Pall Mall Gazette* says:—"Apropos of the decoration of Mdme. Cahen, who has just been decorated with the French cross of the Legion of Honour, the following little story is interesting. After the Franco-German war, the lady, who is the widow of a clever Medical man, went three times to Germany to look after the wounded French soldiers. She was introduced to the old Empress Augusta, who talked to her for two hours, and said, when she took leave of her visitor, 'Madame, I should like a link to exist between you and me,' and, taking her own Red Cross she put it round Mdme. Cahen's neck, saying, 'The only value of this cross is, that it is a sign of how we have both tried to mitigate the misery of our fellow creatures.'"

I HEAR that Miss Eleanor Beachcroft, the late popular Matron of Bedford Infirmary, has opened a Home for Medical and Surgical Patients of the upper classes and also Convalescents requiring change of air, at 54, Brunswick Road, Brighton, which I doubt not will be conducted on the most liberal lines, and thoroughly well managed. Miss E. Beachcroft comes of a justly renowned "Nursing family," having two sisters in the profession—one of whom holds the important position of Lady Superintendent to the County Hospital, Lincoln, an Institution which is acknowledged to be one of our model provincial Hospitals, both from an architectural and Nursing point of view. 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.  
*Metropolitan Asylums Board, Darent 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.  
*National Hospital, Queen Square, W.C.* Paying Probationers. 21s. per week. Apply to Lady Superintendent between 10 and 12 noon.

### HOSPITAL INTELLIGENCE.

REPORTS OF INSTITUTIONS, ETC., COMMUNICATED AND COLLECTED.

THE Christmas Trees held at the Saffron Walden Hospital, on Dec. 13th, were a great success; as was also the one held for the benefit of the patients on Christmas Day, very useful gifts in the way of warm clothing, &c., being made, which gave very great pleasure. Below are given the actual amounts received, as well as the expenditure, and the ladies associated with this work must feel heartily gratified at the very satisfactory result. What impresses us most is the small amount figuring as expenses, which is extremely creditable to all concerned.

	RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Large tree for adults ...	...	17	3	0
Children's tree ...	...	6	2	6
Bran tub ...	...	4	5	0
Stall of fancy work ...	...	17	3	5
Concert ...	...	4	7	6
Refreshments ...	...	5	16	7
		£54	18	0
Expenditure ...	...	4	8	0
Balance ...	...	£50	10	0

It appears that the largest Hospital in the world, according to the authority of a correspondent to the *Daily Chronicle*, is not the London Hospital, as is erroneously supposed. There are two others larger, i.e., the one of Milan, and the other at Vienna; the former receives over three thousand, and the latter about three thousand patients.

THE following has been sent to the editor of the *Standard*:—"Sir,—A suggestion has been made that the proposed *Memorial to the late Colonel Duncan* should take the form of the establishment, at Woolwich, of a *Central School of Ambulance Instruction* (available for the purposes of the *St. John Ambulance Association and the Volunteer*."

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