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BRITISH HOSPITAL.

Pursuant to Public Advertisement, the General Meeting of the Subscribers to the British Hospital was held in the School room adjoining the English Church, on Thursday evening the 25th, June 1854, for the purpose of hearing the Annual Report of the retiring, and electing a new Committee of Management.

On the motion of Mr. Hesse, seconded by Mr. Lumb, Frank Parish Esq. H. B. M. Vice Consul, was requested to take the Chair. The Secretary then proceeded to read the following:

REPORT

OF THE
Committee of the British Hospital for the year ending 31st May 1854.

The Committee of the British Hospital, in referring to you, Gentlemen, to be considered to them, submit to you the customary Statement respecting the Institution while under their management, and as they feel that they have, on the whole, great reason to congratulate you on its flourishing condition.

By the accompanying Medical Report, it will be seen that during the past year 100 patients [with few exceptions, the same subjects] have availed themselves of the benefits of the Institution. Of these 83 have been discharged cured, 1 have been relieved, 4 have died, and 9 remain under treatment.

The political and commercial state of the country when your Committee entered on their office, was such as to give slight promise of a very favorable financial year to the Hospital. The admission of Foreign Buoys, which, while it will prove an architectural ornament to the city, is calculated at the same time to extend the period of compliance in its appointments, as it is charitable in its object.

With wants so crying as those of their own people, with so brilliant and improved a prospect before them, as extending to your Committee feel that the British Community will not be backward in making that farther provision which is so needed to render the British Hospital the perfect model it should be to others, as well as a credit and honor to themselves.

Your permanent Fund was commenced in anticipation of the extension of your Institution. Your Committee earnestly recommend that this extension be entered upon without delay, and that you empower your permanent Committee to apply the permanent Fund, and to procure such other means as may be necessary towards increasing the number of your beds, and extending the usefulness of your valuable Institution.

(Signed) G. W. DRABBLE, Chairman.
The above Report and the Treasurer's Account Current having been read it was

able to pass resolutions at the last General Meeting, forbidding the admission of cases of infectious disorders till express arrangements could be made for their reception. No steps have been taken towards increasing accommodation with this object.

Liberal as have been the arrangements made by the British Community for relief and comfort of their suffering fellow countrymen, no similar provision has been made for those who have, perhaps greater claims upon them, their equally suffering fellow country women.

Again, we are, amongst both our male and female population, those whose energies of mind and body are well worn out by exposure & hardship, often, it may be, by their own folly, extravagance and sin. Whatever the cause of their poverty and helplessness, they ought not, to be considered other than objects of anxiety to the fellow countrymen. It would be impossible, as no doubt, it would be improper, to provide in a Hospital for all such; still, provision for some of the most necessitous and deserving cases might, and surely ought to be, attempted, not perhaps out of charity merely, but to provide a check upon the careless and improvident, and an encouragement to the industrious and well deserving. The permanent Committee apply the permanent Fund, and to procure such other means as may be necessary towards increasing the number of your beds, and extending the usefulness of your valuable Institution.

The British were, it is believed, the first of the Foreigners here who made public provision for the relief of their suffering fellow subjects. Their example has been followed with so much zeal, that an Institution is fast being erected in the Foreign Buoys, which, while it will prove an architectural ornament to the city, is calculated at the same time to extend the period of compliance in its appointments, as it is charitable in its object.

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I.
Proposed by Mr. James Stewart, Seconded by Mr. Hughes, and carried unanimously.
"That the report be approved and adopted"

Proposed by Mr. Lumb, Seconded by Mr. Hesse, and carried unanimously.
"That the special attention of the new Committee be directed to the best means of increasing the permanent fund, and extending the usefulness of the British Hospital, in accordance with the suggestions in the Report."

III.
Proposed by Mr. J. W. Smith, Seconded by Mr. John Hughes, and carried unanimously.
"That the following gentleman be appointed the Committee of management for the Hospital."
Messrs. E. Lumb, S. Hesse, G. Bell, J. Hughes, A. Latham, E. Green
And that the following be requested to act in case of the prolonged absence of one or more of the Committee.
Messrs. C. Gilbey, G. Tildon, R. Hudson, J. P. Blakeway.

IV.
Proposed by Mr. John Hughes, Seconded by Mr. H. B. Wanklyn and carried unanimously.
"That the thanks of the Meeting be given to the Committee of the past year for their efficient services during their term of office."

V.
Proposed by Mr. Drabble, Seconded by Rev. J. C. Ford, and carried unanimously.

AND COUNTRY NEWS.

BUENOS AYRES, SATURDAY, 26th 1er 1854.

(Established in 1826.)

"That the thanks of the meeting be given to Messrs Lowe, Cooper, Young, Harly & E. Hughes, for their valuable exertions in behalf of the Hospital among the residents in the country."

Proposed by Mr. Wanklyn, Seconded by Mr. Hughes and carried unanimously.
"That the thanks of the Meeting be tendered to Messrs. Green, Bernard & Hellyer, for their assistance in procuring subscriptions from the Masters of vessels." Mr. Parish having vacated the Chair which was taken by Mr. Lumb, it was

Proposed by Mr. Hughes, Seconded by Mr. Wanklyn, and unanimously adopted.
"That the thanks of the Meeting be given to Frank Parish Esq. for his valuable assistance as Chairman on the present occasion."

Proposed by Mr. VIII, Seconded by Mr. F. Hughes, and carried unanimously.
"That the Secretary be instructed to prepare the several reports, as well as the minutes of the General Meeting for publication in the British Packet."
J. F. STANFIELD, Secretary.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNT CURRENT BRITISH HOSPITAL WITH

THE DANIEL GIFFORD, TREASURER

Dr.	
Hospital Charges	21,330
Groceries &c	4,539
Coal	4,050
Painting & Repairing	1,830
Dr. Dick's account	2,294
Underaker's account	960
To Balance	12,359
	\$ 52,893
Cr.	
Balance from last Treasurer	1,714
Subscriptions	39,402
Fees from Vessels for patients	4,490
Donations from Vessels	3,109
Fees from Patients	4,702
Buquests &c	425
	\$ 52,893
By Balance on hand	12,359

Buenos Ayres 22 June 1854
DANIEL GIFFORD,
TREASURER.

SYNOPSIS OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS TO WHICH REFERENCE IS MADE IN THE NUMBER HERE PUBLISHED IN THE TRIBUNA.

June 17th.—Note from the Justice of Peace of Tandil, reporting that Don Estuquillo Velaz, had presented 8 cows, that an entertainment might be provided for the poor of the district, on the occasion of swearing the Political Constitution of the State. Reply—to thank Señor Diaz Velaz, in the name of the Government, for his generous donation.

June 18th Note from the Minister of War to the Inspector General, complaining that armed soldiers were found in the streets at unreasonable hours of the night, and directing that measures should be adopted to prevent recurrence of said abuse, and violation of military discipline.

Note from the same to the same, directing that the enlistment be reduced in the next time, from 3 to 2 1/2 years; as an inducement for volunteers to enter the service.

June 20th.—Note from the Ministry of War to the Commandant of the Southern Department, directing him to express to Don Jose Maria Medina the special thanks of the Government, for the generous donation he had made to the military barracks at Azul, and for his patriotic and disinterested services in behalf of the Southern Division.

Note from the same to the Inspector General of Arms; explaining the object of the late measure respecting the military bands.

June 21th.—Report of the elections in the City on the 18th inst. Representative, Don Manuel Eguias; Senator, Don Patricio Lynch. Report from the Department of Police of the works executed and in progress in the month of May.

June 22d.—Report of the Adjutant at the Base, of the importations at mid port during the 1st fortnight of June, from the Argentine Provinces, the Republic of Paraguay and the Oriental Republic.

Rectification as to the terms of the late elections for the Commercial Tribunal. An enquiry for said Section in the act of announcing the president of the election of General Espinosa and Dr. Eusebio Agüero.

June 23d.—Note from the President of the Electoral table at the Villa de Lujan, announcing the election of Don Manuel Eguias as Deputy for said Section in the name of General Jose Maria Flores, resigned.

Note from the Minister of War to the Inspector General of Arms, authorizing him to form a Commission of Chiefs, to report to the Government on the best means of arranging and organizing the corps.

June 24th.—Note from the President of the Electoral table at Ciascomau, announcing the election of Don Manuel Eguias as Deputy for said Section, in the name of Don Felix Pico, resigned.

—(Duros fixing the 10 July for the election of Representatives for the City, the election of Representatives for the City, to fill up the vacancies that remain in consequence of the disapprobation of the elections that took place on the 10th inst.)

Note from the Ministry of War to the Inspector General of Arms, directing him to ascertain individuals who had belonged to the Argentine Army in the Province of Santa Fe; and in particular those who would not be admitted into the service of the State, following which, they and voluntary conscripts, freedom, to push their own fortunes, arranging them the means of transport to this Capital, should they so desire.

BUENOS AYRES.

MONTHLY RETROSPECT.

June, on the whole, must rank as a dull business month. The extreme fluctuations in the market, the irregularity in the stock market, checked local transactions, and the demand for the interior, though still very active, was not so strong as during the past month. This reserve we consider temporary, and confidently calculate on a corresponding compensation in the future.

We have now had a practical illustration, of what is the natural result of such a state of things; and the attempt to divert or compel it into new channels, has signally failed. It is in consequence of the numerous and arbitrary lines of demarcation on the map, than to compel communities to respect them, when their interests and conveniences are concerned.

Calculating on a continuance of the present state of things, the stock of manufactured goods on hand, though large, is perhaps not excessive, whilst several large articles are urgently required, to keep up an adequate assortment.

Further Customhouse reforms are again on the tapis. It is proposed to substitute a uniform import duty, of 4 or 5 per cent, for our present system of duties, on the basis of deposit, transit and re-embarkation. Every one would then be at liberty to bring what he pleased, and to pay what he pleased, at the rates, to do with it what he pleased, without further delay, or impediment of any kind. The alteration of our Customhouse articles would be confined to a single point, the classification and appraisement of the successive classes of goods, and the duties levied on the imported duties, all further surcharges and responsibility would cease. Simple articles are urgently required, to keep up an adequate assortment.

Besides, we are satisfied that the revenue would be benefited by the adoption of the proposed system. Of the goods imported, it may be assumed as a proximate estimate, that three fourths are exported for the benefit of our neighboring Republics, whilst one fourth is reserved for the consumption of this State; that is, the Exchange of Buenos Ayres at present re-

