

the Fathers of the Church, aided by benevolent women, founded numerous hospitals, particularly in connection with monasteries. During this period the tide of pilgrims no longer set toward the temples of the heathen deities, but toward Palestine, a country which yielded scanty supplies to the Christian pilgrims, many of whom perished there. For their relief St Jerome founded a hospital at Bethlehem, the money for which was in great part by rich and noble Roman ladies among his converts. When Rome was sacked by Alaric in 410, many of Jerome's old friends fled from the devastated city to the hospital at Bethlehem. From that period almost every religious house had in connection with it some kind of infirmary, dispensary, almshouse or hospital.

The employees of the British Post Office department consisted in 1872 of more than 40,000 persons of whom 10,000 were engaged in telegraph work, 12,000 were postmasters, 9,000 clerks, 19,000 letter carriers, messengers and sorters; those engaged in London alone included 5,000, in St Martin's le Grand and 4,500 in the postal districts. Of the 20,000 Post Offices and public boxes in the United Kingdom, London possesses 1,500. The total number of Post Office telegrams from all the stations in the kingdom number 399,852 in the week ending August 22nd 1874. The number of letters delivered in the postal districts of London is over 6,000,000 annually of newspapers 70,000,000 and of book parcels about 8,000,000.

George Eliot's novels. Scenes in clerical life was the first novel written by her. Adam Bede the second work published by her sold better than any other of her novels. It brought her \$11,400 "Romola" netted \$10,800. "Silas Marner" which many think her best novel brought her only \$4,500. She wrote no drama. "The Spanish Gypsy" very strong and dramatic. Her publishers gave her \$26,000 for the "Spanish Gypsy" but lost money by it. The father of George Eliot was Mr Evans a poor clergyman of Warwickshire. She lived with Mr Lewis as his wife for many years, until his death, but could not legally be married to him, because of a peculiar clause in the English divorce laws. After Mr Lewis' death she married