

to pay off the debt incurred in building the new out-patient department and Nurses' Home. For months past the warm hearted folks who organised the fête have been busy devising every possible variety of amusement, and their generous efforts have certainly been crowned with unqualified success.

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THE large conservatory of the Albert Hall was transformed by the artistic hands of Messrs. Liberty into a perfect fairy palace, every stall being tastefully ornamented with blue and white bunting, headed by Oriental drapery and large trophies of flags. Scarlet Venetian masts came into pleasant relief against masses of palms and green foliage, while the graceful figures of the stall-holders (many of whom wore fancy dresses) formed artistic groups, and gave an additional picturesqueness to the scene. There were two "Hospital Stalls," one belonging to H.R.H. Princess Louise, the other which Miss Cooper, the Lady Superintendent, presided over; and never was there seen together such a bevy of beautiful waitresses, as at Refreshment Stall No. 1, where Lady Randolph Churchill, assisted by the Duchess of Leinster, the Marchioness of Londonderry, Viscountess Manville, the Ladies Cynthia and Helen Duncombe and Lady Gerard dispensed all the delicacies of the season. S. G.

### HOSPITAL INTELLIGENCE.

DR. BENJAMIN WARD RICHARDSON, in his interesting address at the Lecture Hall of the Royal Institution, Albemarle-street, on Thursday last, discussed the "Storage of Life as a Sanitary Study," and exemplified the following conditions, as favouring the possession of long life:—(1) Hereditary qualification, (2) the virtue of continency, (3) maintenance of balance of bodily functions, (4) perfect temperance, (5) purity from implanted or acquired diseases. Making due allowance for Dr. Richardson's enthusiasm in whatever subject he handles, particularly those relating to the sanitary well-being of the human race, the paper was a recapitulation of many curious but palpable facts, which appear to be entirely overlooked by the majority of people. The Sanitary-Institute is to be congratulated upon the complete success of its twelfth annual meeting.

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WE hope in our next to give details of the fourth anniversary of the Mary Wardell Convalescent Home, held on Saturday last, at Stanmore.

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THE Royal Ophthalmic Hospital is very likely to receive a grant of land as a gift for the purpose of remodelling and enlarging. The Lord Mayor promises every assistance in the matter.

EVERY one must express unfeigned regret at the loss by two votes only of the recommendation of the Cane Hall Committee for the enlargement of the Surrey County Asylum. However, "Try again" should be the motto. Surely the scruples of the opponents to the scheme can be overcome by a little further reasoning.

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GLASGOW'S new infirmary (The Victoria) has made a start, the first sod being cut last Saturday, by Mr. W. R. Watson, the chairman of the Executive. The building, when completed, is estimated to cost £50,000.

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THE new dispensary, Castle-green, Bristol, was formally opened on Tuesday week last by the Mayor, Mr. C. Wathen. A great success is anticipated for this much-required institution.

### GREAT NORTHERN CENTRAL HOSPITAL.

THE new buildings of the Great Northern Central Hospital were opened on the afternoon of Tuesday, the 17th inst., by Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, who were accompanied by their three daughters.

The ceremony took place in a large pavilion erected in the front of the hospital buildings, which was closely filled with those interested in the institution.

On the arrival of the Royal party, prayers were read by the Rev. W. H. Barlow, vicar of Islington. Mr. C. T. Murdock, M.P., the chairman of the hospital, then announced that an address would be read and presented on behalf of the parishioners of Islington and the committee and staff of the hospital. After the presentation of the address, the Prince of Wales, in a suitable speech, declared the hospital open.

The Princess of Wales kindly consented to receive purses of the value of five guineas and upwards, the total value of which reached the amount of one thousand guineas. The names of the donors were announced by the secretary. Other donations, to a considerable amount, were also reported.

The Royal party then proceeded to inspect the new buildings, which consist of three large wards, containing twenty-three beds each, operating theatre, kitchen, offices, and—the result of the exertions of an association of ladies—a large out-patient department, separate from the rest of the hospital, and fitted with all modern sanitary and scientific appliances.

The front block of the hospital and an additional wing yet remain to be built, which will not only give further accommodation for the sick poor, but

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