

foundation of this Institution to be not merely the outcome of my own griefs, but to be publicly connected with those sad events in which all classes of the population of Baden have shared, and have joined their sorrow with mine. This is the first autumn for thirty-eight years that my beloved father has not come to stay near us with my dear mother, who is united to Baden by so many bonds of benevolent and kindly memories. Our first great Kaiser, who now rests in God, has been soon followed by my beloved brother. Baden was the birthplace of our dear son, who by the will of God has been early taken from our love into a better life. Out of such sad and sorrowful remembrances arises a still warmer love for those of our fellow beings whom Providence leads through paths of trial and care. May the home I have planned be a living embodiment of these feelings. But in order that the circumstances which gave rise to it should be kept in remembrance, may it be known as the Ludwig-Wilhelm Home. May God grant His blessing upon it.—
 LUISE, Grand-Duchess of Baden, Schloss Mainau, September 7th, 1888.’”

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“It should be added, in further explanation, that the Home is intended both for paying and non-paying inmates. It is, of course, necessary that a substantial amount of capital should be collected before starting such an undertaking. Towards this object £2,000 has already been subscribed, and it is to be hoped that help will be forthcoming in England to aid so good a cause.” S. G.

HOSPITAL INTELLIGENCE.

REPORTS OF INSTITUTIONS, ETC., COMMUNICATED AND COLLECTED.

MR. ERNEST HART will deliver a lecture on “The New Local Government Bill and the County Councils, especially in relation to Sanitary Administration,” at the Sanitary Institute, Parkes Museum, 74A, Margaret Street, Regent Street, W., this afternoon at five o’clock.

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THE Brighton Crèche and Nursing Association for the Sick Poor has recently been holding a bazaar, in the Hove Town Hall, from which it is hoped the Institution will considerably benefit.

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WE are glad to learn that the Nurses of the Lambeth Infirmary have obtained permission from the Guardians to hold a Christmas party, and to invite a friend each. The more of this sort of thing we have in Institutions the better.

WOMEN AND THEIR WORK.

THE Empress Frederick has presented the Queen with the small writing-desk on which her husband wrote after he was unable to speak, and to Prince Albert Victor she has given the Emperor’s watch.

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THE Empress Augusta of Germany has again offered a prize of 10,000 marks (£500) for the best transportable barrack hospital. On the former occasion the prize was not awarded owing to the small number of competitors.

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MISS LOUISA TWINING lately wrote to us an excellent letter concerning the aims of the Charity-Voting Reform Association. The *Graphic* last week touched on the same subject in an annotation called “Charity-Touting.” It points out—“That the present system of canvassing for votes involves a vast amount of trouble and expense to candidates for admission to charities and to their friends. Poor creatures stand election after election, and finally die unsuccessful. The remedy is obvious, namely, that the subscribers to these charities should give up their privilege of voting, and should elect a committee to select the requisite number of appointments from the list of candidates. But it is quite possible that the subscribers may decline to approve of this reform. A good many years ago (we remember Sir Charles Trevelyan was then living) an extensive newspaper correspondence took place on this very subject. We believe it ended in a *plebiscité* being taken of the subscribers to some of the leading charities, and there was a large preponderance of suffrages in favour of keeping things as they were. The case is analogous to that of competitive examinations. They are confessedly an evil, but they are the only practicable substitute for jobbery. In like manner, charity subscribers prefer trusting to their own choice rather than to that of a committee chosen by themselves. The want of confidence thus practically expressed is a satire, and not an undeserved satire, on representative bodies generally.”

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REGRETS never follow virtuous actions. No one is sorrowful because, in looking back on his past life, he sees it has been self-denying and full of labour for others. If he does grieve at the retrospect, it is because his efforts have been so imperfect, and because he has done far less than it was his duty to do.

BOOKS give us views of life, and teach us how to live; they soothe the stubborn, they chastise fools, they admonish and confirm the wise.—*Crabb*.

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