

HOSPITAL INTELLIGENCE.

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MR. R. BRUDENELL-CARTER on Friday afternoon last delivered a highly interesting lecture at the Sanitary Institute on the subject of Ocular Hygiene, in which he urged the importance of exerting an influence on the evolution of the eye being of as great importance as the development of any other physical faculty.

HORNSEY has now an Isolation Hospital for Infectious Diseases. It is situated in Tatterdown Lane, Muswell Hill, having been recently opened by Mr. Morton Latham. It consists of two wings only, with five beds in each, and an administrative block; but ample provision has been made for any future enlargement which may become necessary. The site is admirable, and the arrangements are on the most approved modern principles.

THE Islington Board of Guardians have just been told by the Local Government Board that they *must* make an increase in the Nursing Staff of their Infirmary, and hoping that the Guardians will again give the matter their serious consideration. We don't want to appear unduly hard on this particular Board of Guardians, for they are only like a number of others throughout the country, but we really are glad to learn that the Government is at last determined to put an end to scandalous cases of this kind.

THE proposition for a new Hospital at Brixton does not appear to have met with the approval of the local parishioners there, but there is always "another side" in matters of this kind. Does the public want one? If it does, then it will have it some way or another.

WE are pleased to be able to announce that the subscribers to the Peterborough District Nursing Association have recently held their annual meeting, when the report of work during the past year was read, showing that during the year 132 cases had received attention from the Nurses, and 3,956 visits of relief been paid. The Secretary of the Association (Dr. W. E. Paley), after reading the report, asked in the name of the Committee for public support to enable the Institution to carry on this work, "the value of which (he stated) could be hardly estimated, and which had been most thoroughly appreciated by all who benefited by it."

THE Newcastle Cathedral Nurse and Loan Society held its annual meeting on the 19th. The Rev. and energetic Canon Lloyd read the report, which showed a steady and encouraging increase in all branches of the work. 1,169 cases visited, 12,954 visits paid, 295 Night Nurses employed, 1,100 pints of beef-tea, 2,290 pints of milk, 1,070 dinners; receipts, £1,225; payments, £1,135, are only a few of the figures representing the enormous amount of satisfactory and hard labour done by this very excellent society. To Mrs. R. J. Johnson, Mrs. Drewett, Miss Coleman, and other ladies should be given the chief credit for the satisfactory results obtained.

THE first meeting of the General Committee of the International Congress of Hygiene and Statistics, which includes representatives from the Universities of London, Oxford, Cambridge, Glasgow, and Aberdeen, the Royal Colleges of Physicians and of Surgeons of London, Edinburgh, and Ireland, the Sanitary Institute, Society of Medical Officers of Health, British Medical Association, Royal Institute of British Architects, Institution of Mechanical Engineers, Royal Institution of Great Britain, British Association for the Advancement of Science, Society of Arts, Royal Colonial Institute, and many other leading Societies, was held in the Parkes Museum, on Tuesday afternoon, Sir Spencer Wells, Bart., in the chair. An Organising Committee was appointed, consisting of Sir Douglas Galton, K.C.B., F.R.S., Professor W. H. Corfield, M.A., M.D., Dr. E. Frankland, Ernest Hart, Professor T. Hayter Lewis, Dr. E. D. Mapother, Dr. F. J. Monat, Shirley F. Murphy, and R. Thorne Thorne, with power to add to their number, to organise arrangements for the meeting which is to take place in London in 1891.

A MEETING of the National Health Society is to be held on Saturday, June 29, in the Town Hall, Westminster, when the Society's certificates gained during the year for proficiency in "Domestic Hygiene," "Sick Nursing," and "First Aid to Injured" will be presented to the candidates by Her Grace the Duchess of Westminster. Amongst those who have promised to speak on the occasion are His Grace the Duke of Westminster, K.G., Sir Spencer Wells, Bart., F.R.S., Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P., Samuel Pope, Esq., Q.C., Treasurer of the Inner Temple, Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, Dr. Thorne Thorne, and Mr. Ernest Hart (Chairman.)

IF the only pleasure is to command, the only life is liberty.—A. MONOD.

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