

HOSPITAL INTELLIGENCE.

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THE well-known firm of manufacturing chemists, Messrs. Burroughs, Wellcome and Co., of Snow Hill, issued a large number of invitations on Wednesday, the 3rd, on the occasion of the opening of the Phoenix Mills, Dartford, being very extensive premises which the firm have purchased for the purpose of being better able to meet the demands of an increased trade in the various articles they manufacture. About five hundred people were present, representing Medicine, Science, Literature, and Society, and great interest was taken in the perfectly-fitted machinery, laboratories, &c., which the firm have erected. All their preparations in the process of manufacture were on view, and a very instructive and interesting exhibit they formed. Speech-making was indulged in by various gentlemen, including the members of the firm, Mr. Henry George, and others, and everybody came away delighted with the picnic provided for them, the arrangements for which were carried out without a single hitch or mistake, thanks to the liberality and enterprise of the entertainers.

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MR. JOHN CROFT, who, on Thursday last, conducted the examination of the Nurses trained in the Nursing Home attached to the St. Marylebone Infirmary, referred to the very useful work of which the St. Marylebone guardians have been the pioneers, in the training of properly qualified Nurses for the sick poor. H.R.H. Princess Christian, who originally opened the Home, forwarded a letter, which was read, regretting her inability to be present and expressing the interest she continued to take in it. A large number of Nurses were present.

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H.R.H. THE PRINCESS LOUISE, on Friday last opened the Hollingworth Memorial Building, at the West Kent General Infirmary, at Maidstone, which was quite *en fête* for the occasion. A very large number of the leading inhabitants being present, and great interest being taken in the proceedings. Earl Amherst remarked that, with regard to the finances, they started with a deficiency of something like £300, which he hoped would be met by the purses so gracefully contributed that day. The Marquis of Lorne gave a very interesting account of the work of Nurses in the Crimea. We append a detailed description of the building from the *South Eastern Gazette*.

THE various additions to the Hospital not having been arranged with a view to the erection of such a building, it was a matter of some difficulty how to plan a building with approaches so as not to interfere with the comfort and quiet of the various departments of the existing Hospital. This difficulty has been surmounted by the erection of a lateral corridor branching out of the main corridor to the children's wing immediately below the first flight of steps contained therein necessary to overcome the natural use of the site. The corridor is about one hundred feet long, and communicates directly with the new buildings. The building is a three-floor one, and contains the following rooms for the accommodation of the Nurses and the staff:—An office to transact the secretarial business of the Institution opening from the central hall and corridor, a large day-room, two Nurses' dormitories, an attendance or duty-room, and other necessary offices, these all on the ground floor. On the second floor four more dormitories, with box-room, linen store, and hot and soft and hard water supplies. The general architectural features of the building are simple but effective, the treatment being of simple Italian outline, the material red brick, relieved with moulded strings, and a central pediment containing a plain redstone slab with an inscription showing the designation of the structure. The internal fittings are of a very simple character, plain skirtings, moulded cornices only in the day-room, and corridors, and hall, and all passageways and internal approaches on the ground floor are paved with wood block paving. All floors are stained and walls throughout distempered terra cotta colour. The refectory arrangements in the Hospital being sufficient for all present requirements, the Nurses will be accommodated for such purposes in the present dining-hall attached to the children's block of buildings. The Hospital Committee have laid out a tennis lawn at the north of the new wing for the use of the Hospital Staff. The buildings were designed and carried out by Mr. E. W. Stephens, West Borough Offices, Maidstone (the Hospital architect). Mr. G. Candler, of Upper Fant-road, Maidstone, being the builder selected in open competition, has successfully carried out the works.

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THE annual meeting of the Hamilton Association for Providing Trained Male Nurses was held on Saturday last, at the new offices, Park Street, Grosvenor Square, Surgeon-General Gordon presiding. The work done for the past year was satisfactory, but we certainly should like to see the balance-sheet in a more favourable condition. At the end of May last twenty-seven Nurses were on the establishment.

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