

HOSPITAL INTELLIGENCE.

COMMUNICATED AND COLLECTED.

THE thirty-third annual festival dinner of the Poplar Hospital for accidents was held on the 17th inst. at the Holborn Restaurant. Mr. Henry Green presided, and stated that the hospital was never in a greater state of efficiency than at present. The number of out-patients has increased from 5,000 to 9,000. Subscriptions were announced to the amount of £1,349.

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THE Horfield, Stapleton, and Barton Local Boards have combined to secure a site for a new infectious hospital. The site is an eligible one of three acres, and no time will be lost in meeting the requirement for a hospital in the neighbourhood.

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THE "John Reid" medical prize has been awarded to Mr. Robert M. Buchanan Hillcarn for a paper on "The Absorption of Amyloid Material and the Amyloid Change in Hodgkin's Disease."

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THE following institutions have been benefitted by bequests, contributions, &c.:—*Adelaide Hospital* £500, and *The Cork Street Fever Hospital*, Dublin, £500, by the will of Mr. Denis Crofton; *Hull General Infirmary* £500, and *Hull Dispensary* £500, by Mr. Alderman Fountain on the death of his daughter; *St. Mary's Hospital* £30, by the will of the late Mr. J. Bury; *British Home for Incurables* £100, donation from the Belgian Burgomasters.

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A CONCERT will take place at Dudley House, Park Lane, on the evening of June 6th, for the benefit of Mr. Eldridge Spratt's Sanatorium for Diseases of the Heart and Nervous System, London and Brighton. The list of artists, amateur and professional, includes the names of Lady Randolph Churchill, Countess Eleonora Breda, Countess Sadowska, Mrs. Ronaldo, Miss Clara Samuella, Miss de Lido, Miss Damian, Messrs. Meyer, Mattei, Hirwen Jones, and Foli. Mr. Wilhelm Ganz will conduct. Early application for tickets should be made to 11, Hinde Street, Manchester Square, W.

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THE East London Nursing Society are issuing invitations for a special service at St. Paul's Cathedral, on Wednesday, June 6th, consisting of morning prayer at 10 a.m., and a celebration of the Holy Communion and a sermon, by the kind permission of the Very Rev. the Dean, at 11.15 a.m., by Rev. E. Hoskyns, M.A., Rector of Stepney. Those unable to be present can send a contribution to be added to the offertory. New annual subscribers are much needed. Particulars of A. W. Lacey, Secretary, 49, Philpot Street, Commercial Road, London, E.

WOMEN AND THEIR WORK.

WANTED, A GOOD GOVERNESS.—Under this title there has been an important discussion proceeding in the *Queen*. Lady Fairlie Cunninghame's views are specially practical. She writes:—"If a girl is to succeed as a governess she must have a distinct training for it, as much as for any other profession, and be brought up to it regularly. Then, if she has good abilities and is capable of imparting to others what she has learnt herself, she need have no fear for the future. She can always make her way. There is not even any risk, for a really good governess can always hold her own, and in a manner dictate her own terms. It is precisely this want of training that is the drawback to so many English governesses, and the winning card is in the hand of a good German." Miss Dorothea Beale, the well-known head of the Ladies' College at Cheltenham, gives the following interesting history of the training of governesses in commenting on these remarks. "This has long been the opinion of head mistresses, and they have promoted the establishment of training colleges for those intended for high schools and families. The Home and Colonial was the first to begin training, and they had classes for ladies in connection with their normal college. I think, however, that I may say that our 'Students' Home,' established by Miss Newman (sister of Mr. William Newman, of Balliol), was the first separate beginning. It has developed into St. Hilda's College, in which twenty students are always preparing for teaching. This college is registered by the University of Cambridge as a training college, and the students both pass a theoretical examination and teach before an inspector. There are twelve also training as Kindergarten teachers. There are others studying there who are not to be teachers, for we do not think it well or necessary to isolate those who are.

"The second in order of time was the Maria Grey Training College, which opened a year later. Here there are in all between thirty and forty in training. The third college was that opened nearly two years ago at Cambridge; already there are about twenty working under Miss Hughes. Almost simultaneously a similar college was opened in Edinburgh under Miss Walker; and last Oxford, followed Cambridge. These colleges send out nearly one hundred trained teachers annually.

"There is one disadvantage in taking such a German certificated governess of whom Lady Fairlie speaks. She usually comes to England to learn English; she speaks English as much, sometimes more than German, and by the time she has learned English well enough to be able to teach German properly she returns to her native country, where she is sure of employment, and especially of a pension, enough to secure her from want in her old

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