

been before him. It is hoped that at the same time he may open the new recreation ground in Rusholme.

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PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL SUNDAY AND SATURDAY COLLECTIONS.—On the 19th inst., the Barnsley Feast Hospital Sunday and the Annual Musical Festival, in aid of the funds of the Beckett Hospital and Dispensary, was held, and produced £47 4s. The Hospital Saturday Collection at Ilfracombe, on the 18th inst., in aid of the Tyrrell Cottage Hospital, amounted to £126, an increase of £49 13s. on last year.

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NEW LUNATIC ASYLUM FOR PLYMOUTH.—The foundation stone of a new Hospital for the Insane, for the borough of Plymouth, was laid on the 14th inst. by the Mayor. The site is more than seventy acres in extent, and the building is planned to accommodate 200 patients. The contract sum is £34,544.

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A MEDICAL MISSIONARY HOSPITAL, MADAGASCAR.—It is stated that the Government of Madagascar has given a site for a Hospital that is to be built, near the capital of the island, by the Foreign Missionary Association of the Society of Friends. A Medical Missionary from Lancashire is going out.

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LEWES DISPENSARY AND INFIRMARY (VICTORIA HOSPITAL).—From the report presented to the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution at the recent annual meeting, it appears there are now fourteen beds instead of three. The income for the year was £674 7s. 4d., which, with the balance of £251 5s. from last year, brought the available total up to £925 12s. 4d. The expenditure had amounted to £736 6s. 2d., leaving a credit balance of £199 6s. 2d.

WOMEN AND THEIR WORK.

DURING the Queen's late visit to the Glasgow Exhibition she expressed herself highly gratified with the various departments of the Women's Industries Section, and requested that large samples of the articles should be sent to Blythswood, where she was staying.

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HER Majesty has been graciously pleased, on the occasion of her visit to Glasgow, to accept a copy of the new Bourgeois Edition of the Oxford Bible for Teachers, as representing the work of the University Press, exhibited at the Glasgow Exhibition. The book is printed upon India paper, and bound in blue morocco, with the letters V.R.I., sur-

mounted by the Imperial Crown, impressed in gold upon its covers. It is enclosed in a case, similarly ornamented, and contains the following inscription:—"Glasgow Exhibition, 1888. To Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. This copy of the Oxford Bible for Teachers, being the handiwork of the ancient Press of the University of Oxford, is presented by the delegates of the Press.

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THE Countess of Strafford, the President of the General Committee of the Women's Jubilee Offering, has received the following letter, which the Queen has been graciously pleased to write, in acknowledgment of the jewel presented to her Majesty, on behalf of the contributors to the offering, at Osborne, on Tuesday, the 31st ult.:—"Osborne, August 13.—Once more am I anxious to express to the women of Great Britain and Ireland and the Colonies my warmest and most heartfelt thanks for the very handsome present they have given me in recollection of my Jubilee. I shall wear with pride and pleasure the beautiful necklace and earrings which they have so kindly given me, as a precious token of their affection and loyalty."

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DOUBTLESS the name of "Penelope" is well known amongst our country readers as the writer of the clever, chatty "Ladies' Letter" which appears in so many of the leading county papers, and by which means so many country mice get to know of the most interesting events going on in town. No subject seems beyond the grasp of this loquacious lady, who, week by week, gives her opinion, which is always worth having, on all questions interesting to her own sex, and brings to their notice with equal force the latest good work in which they should take part, or the shape of the "newest thing" in bonnets. Concerning the Travellers' Aid Society, lately so ably advocated by Mrs. M. G. Fawcett, "Penelope" writes:—

"I have lately had my attention directed to a small society, which is one amongst many others carried on by ladies in London, with which I have much sympathy. It is called the 'Travellers' Aid Society,' and just at this time of the year, when people are all talking about travelling, it has a familiar sound, though its objects are different from what one might at first imagine them to be. At all seasons a certain number of young women and girls arrive in London, either to seek or to enter situations of various kinds, and it frequently happens that, either through some misunderstanding or carelessness, friends who are expected to meet them at the stations do not appear, and the traveller herself becomes anxious and alarmed,

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