

## HOSPITAL INTELLIGENCE.

REPORTS OF INSTITUTIONS, ETC., COMMUNICATED  
AND COLLECTED.

It is the intention of the Matron of the Saffron Walden Hospital, to have a Christmas Tree at the above Institution during the early part of December, and she earnestly solicits the help of all interested in the Hospital. It is most desirable that a larger sum should be realized this year than on the two previous occasions, as funds are greatly needed to meet the increasing expenses. Any contributions in the form of work or fancy articles, either for the patients' or public tree, will be most gratefully acknowledged by the Matron, who begs that they may be sent in by the 3rd week in November.

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A new Children's Ward, as a Jubilee Memorial, has just been erected as an extension of the Newport Infirmary, and was formally opened by the Mayor on the 17th inst. Accommodation is provided for fifteen beds. All the cots have been presented, and the cost of the first year's maintenance of thirteen out of the fifteen has been provided. The total cost of the building and furnishing is £1,500. Improvements in the Infirmary have also been effected at an outlay of £1,000.

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THE Committee of the Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool, have found it necessary to increase the accommodation for administrative purposes, and are taking steps to provide it. It is proposed to erect outside the present building, and on land adjoining the Hospital, a mortuary and post-mortem examination room, and also a Nurses' house with dormitories for the Nursing staff apart from the Wards, and a home when off duty for the private Nurses of the institution affiliated to the Hospital. The estimated outlay for the land and buildings is about £7,000, of which £2,527 has been subscribed.

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AN evening concert in aid of Dr. Eldridge Spratt's Sanatorium for Diseases of the Heart and Nervous System, will be given at the Steinway Hall, Seymour Street, W., on Tuesday, November 13th, 1888, under the distinguished patronage of Countess of Dudley, Duchess of Sutherland, Lady Randolph Churchill. The following artistes will appear: Miss José Sherrington, Miss Kate Flinn, the Countess Breda, Miss Florence Wright, Miss Helena Brookes, Miss Harriet Jay, Mr. W. Crookham, Mr. Iver McKay, Mr. Curtis D'Alton, Mr. Hulbert Fulkerson, Mr. Maybrick, Herr Ganz, Mr. Willing, Mr. Gustave Ernest; double quartette (Venables' Choir). Doors open at 7. 30,

commence at 8. Tickets (1s., 2s. 6d., and 5s.) may be obtained at 11, Hinde Street, Manchester Square, W.; Healey's Agency, 10a, Warwick Street, Regent Street, W.; Mr. D. Spratt, 2, Duke Street, Manchester Square, W.; or at the Hall.

## OUR INSTITUTIONS:

A RECORD OF THEIR OBJECTS AND WORK.

"90, HARLEY STREET."

By LADY MARY HOBHOUSE.

IN the long uniform range of dingy brick houses, which form this most respectable of streets, there is but one privileged to wear a brass plate, indicative of the work going on within—*i.e.*, "The Establishment for Invalid Ladies,"—and should any curious investigator penetrate behind the brass plate, he will find busy women engaged in charitable labours, which are hardly as widely known or as well supported as they deserve to be.

The house itself is spacious and old-fashioned, with lofty rooms, highly decorated ceilings, carved and inlaid mantelpieces, and doubtless was once the home of the wealthy and the luxurious. Now it is a shelter for the poor and the suffering, being especially destined for those gentlewomen who can ill bear the noise and publicity of a Hospital, even in its paying Wards, and who cannot afford the heavy expenses incidental to illness in private lodgings. To these this Home offers the very best of Surgical aid (given gratuitously by some of the most skilled among Doctors), constant Medical supervision, and careful Nursing, for a small payment, not very much larger than that requisite for board only, *i.e.*, for sums varying from £1 1s. to £2 5s. weekly. This secures to the patient either the half of a large bedroom, or a cubical in the great drawing room, or, when needful, a room to herself, for the old house is almost unaltered, and bears the look of a private residence in the shape and size of its rooms, which many kindly hands have furnished with little home comforts and luxuries, so that there is no sensation of a Hospital about them, save as regards cleanliness and good order, and the presence of neatly dressed Nurses in constant attendance, by night and day. Yet it is a Hospital where the severest diseases to which womenkind are liable receive suitable treatment—in fact, it admits exactly the same cases as are taken into the women's Ward of the General Hospitals. None are either too slight or too severe, for cases of the hysterical kind often receive successful treatment, while the report enumerates the number and nature of the severe ailments and skilled operations, which are annually undergone in the Home.

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