

## HOSPITAL INTELLIGENCE.

COMMUNICATED AND COLLECTED.

WE notice that the workmen are already busily engaged in excavations preparatory to the commencement of the building of the new Jubilee wing of the Children's Hospital in Great Ormond Street. We hope funds will be forthcoming in sufficient abundance to carry on the work of this most deserving charity.

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THE St. Mary's Hospital Board have unanimously passed a resolution to arrange for the purchase of a number of houses adjoining the hospital, in order to erect new buildings, which will include a nurses' residence, special wards, and wards for lying-in women.

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THE Sussex County Hospital is having built large detached wards for violent patients or cases of erysipelas. The arrangements of the wards are almost unique, and are expected to be the most complete of their kind in existence.

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THE income of the Norwich and Norfolk Hospital for 1887 was £7,044, and we are pleased to be able to say that after the charges against the hospital were defrayed the sum of £1,280 remains in the treasurer's hands.

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DURING the past ten years the daily expense per head has been reduced from 3s. 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. to 2s. 6d. at the General Hospital, Nottingham; and yet, in spite of this, we regret to learn that the accounts show a deficit of £446 16s. 6d.

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THE following institutions have been benefitted by bequests, contributions, &c.:—*Society for relief of Widows and Orphans of Medical Men*, £900 from the executors of Miss Elizabeth Douglas; *Great Northern Central Hospital*, £250 by the Cloth-workers' Company, and £50 from the Merchant Tailors' Company; *Boston Collage Hospital*, £25 by Mr. E. Stanhope, M.P., and £50 by Mr. J. Rice, of Manchester; *Lewis Street Hospital*, £100 from the late Mr. W. Bruton; *Adelaide Hospital* and *Molyneux Hospital*, £50 each from Dr. Tolken; *Beckett Hospital, Barnsley*, £1,000 from the late Mrs. W. Cults, of Harrogate.

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THE financial position of the Devonshire Hospital and Buxton Bath Charity has been satisfactorily maintained.

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TWELVE HUNDRED POUNDS was subscribed at the sixteenth annual festival, held at Willis' Rooms on the 13th instant, for the Provident Surgical Aid Society. Sir John Aird, M.P., presided.

HOSPITALS ASSOCIATION.—Yesterday an interesting and valuable paper was read at the Governors' Hall of St. Thomas' Hospital by Mr. W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., on contributions by patients in relation to the financial condition of London hospitals. Dr. J. S. Bristowe presided.

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THE number of cases treated in 1887 at the National Dental Hospital was 39,598, an increase of 4,877 upon the number in 1886.

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IMPROVEMENTS to the estimated cost of £10,000 are hoped to be made at the Belvidere Hospital.

## WOMEN AND THEIR WORK.

WOMEN IN COUNCIL.—In July, 1848, a few women gathered together in a small town in the State of New York, called Seneca Falls, to form what they called a Woman's Rights Convention. Certainly, they never could have foreseen how different an affair the fortieth anniversary meeting would be. Of course, the public and the Press cast merciless ridicule on their devoted heads, not only in America, but throughout Europe. But from that day women have been steadily winning their way in every trade and nearly every profession, and Sidney Smith's joke, that "a woman's right was left to her," has been growing more and more of a reality ever since. On March 26th an International Council of Women was opened at Washington, and contained delegates from thirty-nine national associations, representing most of the States of the Union, Great Britain, India, France, Finland, Denmark, Norway, and Sweden. Professions and general philanthropic work not specially united in associations were represented by individual members who had been invited to contribute their own items of evidence as to the marvellous growth of woman's work within the past four decades. The topics for papers and discussions were divided broadly into Educational, Philanthropic, Temperance, Industrial, Professional, Organizational, Legal, Political, Social. The mere names of some of the speakers, and their subjects, will sufficiently indicate the plan of the programme and the character of the women taking part in this unique symposium. Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, the only survivor of the four brave women who convened the first meeting at Seneca Falls, gave the introductory address of welcome. The Pundita Ramabai spoke about "The Women of India," but particularly that unfortunate class, the Hindu child-widows; Mdme. Bogelot, directress of the reform work at that prison, on the "Work of St. Lazare, Paris"; Mrs. Cheney, president of the New England Hospital for Women and Children, on "Hospitals managed by and for Women"; Miss

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