

HOSPITAL INTELLIGENCE.

REPORTS OF INSTITUTIONS, ETC., COMMUNICATED
AND COLLECTED.

THE Governors of the Carnarvonshire and Anglesey Infirmary held their annual meeting on the 8th inst. The statement of accounts was read by the secretary, and showed that the total receipts for the year were £884 14s. 2d., a decrease of £117 4s. 3d. upon 1887. The expenditure was £807 17s. 6d., a slight increase on the previous year. The sum of £895 13s. 6d. had been received from the committee of the Penrhyn Memorial Fund, and expended on the building. The medical report stated that 1,311 out-patients and 59 in-patients were admitted during the year—a decrease, respectively, of 344 and of 10 on last year.

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MR. T. B. UDALL presided at the annual meeting of the North Staffordshire Infirmary, held on the 15th inst. The income for the year had been £9,759, against £8,838 in the previous twelve months. The ordinary expenditure had been £8,753. From the report of the trustees of Sir Smith Child's North Staffordshire Convalescent and Incurables Fund, it appears that 87 patients, against 122 last year, had been sent to the convalescent institutions during the year.

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SIR THOMAS EDRIDGE presided at the annual meeting of the Governors of the General Hospital, Croydon, held at the Town Hall last week. The report of the Committee of Management stated that 7,450 cases had been treated during the year, an excess on the previous year of 626. The financial statement, compared with that of 1887, exhibits a falling off in the receipts from annual subscriptions and the Hospital Sunday and Saturday collections. During the year several legacies were received, and thus the income of the Hospital had been maintained. The total of the invested funds is now £11,113 9s. 9d.

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THE Sanitary Institute, Parkes Museum, 74A, Margaret Street. At a meeting of the Council of this Institute, held on the 14th inst., Sir Douglas Galton, K.C.B., F.R.S., in the chair, Earl Fortescue, Dr. B. W. Richardson, F.R.S., Sir T. Spencer Wells, and eleven other members and associates were enrolled, and further applications were read. We are informed also that H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany has graciously consented to become Patroness of the Institute.



THE higher the social scale, the more courtesy and the more ease of manner prevail.

OUR INSTITUTIONS:

A RECORD OF THEIR OBJECTS AND WORK.

WEST MALLING RETREAT, KENT.

FOR THE RECEPTION AND CURE OF INVALIDS OF BOTH
SEXES AFFECTED WITH INSANITY AND DISEASES OF
THE BRAIN.

THIS establishment, which has been successfully conducted between one and two centuries, is situated in a most healthy and delightful spot in the garden of Kent, about twenty-nine miles distant from the metropolis, and easy of access from all parts by rail and coach.

The building consists of a fine mansion, to which capacious wings have been added within the last few years, in order to provide the best accommodation for, and perfect classification of, the patients, and separation of the sexes.

The sitting-rooms and dormitories are large, well warmed, and carefully ventilated. Private apartments, fitted up in a very superior manner, are devoted to the reception of the higher class of patients; the whole establishment has just undergone thorough repair and decoration, and it is presumed that it may be considered as one of the most complete in this country.

While the most perfect security has been attained, no iron bars or other prison-like signs of confinement are visible about the mansion, which has all the outward and inward appearance of a first-rate private residence; and the whole arrangements are such, that the patients can have no painful feelings of restraint or seclusion, or feel themselves deprived of the amenities and comforts of social life, or that they are treated otherwise than as sane and companionable beings.

The medical proprietor and his wife reside in the house, and, as the number is limited, they are enabled to devote the greatest care and attention to every patient committed to their charge.

THE MEDICAL TREATMENT

is under the immediate care of the Resident Medical Proprietor, and a Visiting Surgeon, who has attended at the Retreat for the last thirty years.

It is, of course, incompatible within these limited pages to enter minutely upon the remediable means which are employed in the treatment of the patients—which must necessarily be regulated by the history of the case, the pathognomic symptoms of the malady, and the several and physical causes which gave rise to it. The Medical Proprietor, however, takes this opportunity of stating that practical experience of these distressing cases has convinced him (and which opinion is

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