

pains or labour spared to conquer him. Then we have another grand army of workers in our Nurses."

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At the last quarterly court of the Governors of the Hospital for Consumption, Brompton, the report of the Committee of Management, read by the Secretary (Mr. W. H. Theobald), stated that since the last court part of the old building had been closed owing to the restoration of the external stonework, and the list of patients waiting for admission had, therefore, been very heavy. The report further stated that the Committee had decided after much deliberation, to light the whole of the hospital by electricity, feeling that it would be to the great advantage of the patients, and the expense would be amply justified. Dr. Stanley Ballance had resigned the post of resident medical officer, and had been succeeded by Dr. Herbert Horrocks.

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At the Hull and East Riding Convalescent Home at Withernsea, the sea-water baths for the patients prove a healthful and enjoyable feature of their three weeks' stay by the sea. The water is pumped direct from the sea, and inmates can take hot or cold sea-water baths at all seasons without going into the open air. The public are permitted to use the baths on certain days at reasonable charge. Each patient at this home is expected, if he can afford it, to contribute five shillings towards the cost of his maintenance.

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The sixth annual open-air concert which took place on a recent Sunday afternoon was well attended, the weather being particularly fine, on behalf of Burnley Victoria Hospital. Prior to the concert there was a parade under the auspices of the Federated Friendly Societies of the town and district, about 500 members from most of the friendly societies in the town taking part. Thousands of people crowded the streets, and a gathering of something like 15,000 was seen on the football field. The music was provided by a choir of over 800 voices (from the church and chapel, and other choirs of the town and district), a stringed orchestra of 200 performers, and combined bands to the number of 200 more.

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With reference to the Hospital Saturday held in very bad weather for the benefit of the Grimsby and District Hospital, a diminution of the amount collected was reported at a recent meeting when Alderman Doughty said it gave him the greatest pleasure to propose that their best thanks should be given to the ladies who had laboured so assiduously and under such

unfavourable circumstances for the Hospital. He thought the amount of money realised was beyond all praise, considering that some of the ladies had to spend much of their time under mackintoshes.

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The Charity Commissioners have issued orders by which £1,000 will be taken from the education endowment fund of Richard Watts' Charity at Rochester and be applied towards Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School, and also for the taking of £200 a year from the same fund for the establishment of twenty scholarships for boys and girls. The Richard Watts' Charity was originally left for the maintenance of a house of refuge and entertainment for destitute wayfarers "not being rogues or proctors," and, besides food and a night's lodgings, six poor travellers were given a groat each every day.

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It is likely that the long-standing question of a site for the "Darkest England" oversea colony will shortly be settled. A leading officer of the Salvation Army is now in Canada with reference to the proposal for establishing the colony on the Fraser River.

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Belfast is looking forward to having a new hospital. Meanwhile the Royal Hospital is to be enlarged and considerably improved by the provision of isolation wards. Dr. Macaulay, at a recent meeting of the Governors, said, "no one would have any hesitation in coming to the conclusion that the time had arrived when the sanitary improvements proposed should be carried out. In his opinion an isolation ward was most necessary for an hospital. He had heard of cases where patients came into a hospital suffering from one disease and before they left it they had contracted another by infection or contagion. It must tax the skill of the medical men in attending to persons suffering from disease, and where there was no isolation ward the Nurses ran great risks of contracting disease. Therefore, in their interest as well as that of the patients themselves, an isolation ward was absolutely necessary. In the end these improvements would be a saving to the institution, because the time of the doctors would be saved, and they would be enabled to discharge the patients more quickly.

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Mr. John Perdue is obviously a young gentleman whose talents do not find a sufficiently wide field of action in dispensing medicines over a chemist's counter. This seems to be his own conviction, since, as he candidly ad-

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